

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

1938

CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.

1938

## MAYOR

DE WITT D. BARLOW

## PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

RICHARD T. BUESCHEL

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

RICHARD T. BUESCHEL  
STEPHEN EDGAR COLE  
RALPH J. SLONIM  
JOHN P. ROMER

FIRST WARD  
SECOND WARD  
THIRD WARD  
FOURTH WARD

ANTHONY J. VIVIANO  
EDWARD E. IREMONGER  
PAUL FLEMING  
JAMES F. WHITNEY

## COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE

CARROLL W. HOPKINS

HUGH B. REED, II

HARVEY R. LINBARGER

Stenographer to the Common Council and its Committees

ELFERT C. BURFEIND

## OFFICERS

City Clerk .....	FRED TOEGEL
City Treasurer .....	ARTHUR E. CRONE
Tax Collector .....	JOHN C. DILTS
Counsel to the Corporation .....	WILLIAM NEWCORN
City Engineer .....	H. EDWIN BUSH
City Judge .....	WILLIAM G. DE MEZA
City Court Clerk .....	S. MONROE STAATS
Chief of Police (Retired July 27, 1938) .....	CHARLES A. FLYNN
Acting Chief of Police (From July 28, 1938) .....	GEORGE LEORCH
Chief of the Fire Department .....	WESLEY J. DUNN
City Physician .....	ABRAHAM STROM
Director of Welfare and Overseer of the Poor .....	GERALD B. BATE
Supervisor of Municipal Finances and Accounts .....	ROSS R. DEARDORFF

## STANDING COMMITTEES—COMMON COUNCIL

<b>Finance</b> HARVEY R. LINBARGER, Chairman JAMES F. WHITNEY RALPH J. SLONIM EDWARD E. IREMONGER HUGH B. REED, II CARROLL W. HOPKINS ANTHONY H. VIVIANO STEPHEN EDGAR COLE PAUL FLEMING JOHN P. ROMER RICHARD T. BUESCHEL	<b>Police</b> JAMES F. WHITNEY, Chairman EDWARD E. IREMONGER HARVEY R. LINBARGER
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	<b>License</b> EDWARD E. IREMONGER, Chairman JAMES F. WHITNEY HARVEY R. LINBARGER
	<b>Auditing</b> STEPHEN EDGAR COLE, Chairman PAUL FLEMING ANTHONY H. VIVIANO

## LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

ANTHONY H. VIVIANO .....	Chairman
MRS. ALBERT L. STILLMAN .....	Secretary
DIXON C. PHILIPS .....	TIMOTHY R. LOIZEAUX
	HARRY S. DERFLINGER

## BOARD OF POLICE

DE WITT D. BARLOW, Mayor .....	Chairman
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JAMES F. WHITNEY .....	
HARVEY R. LINBARGER .....	
RICHARD T. BUESCHEL, President of the Common Council .....	

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

CHARLES A. PETERSON, Chairman .....	First Ward
JOHN C. BICKNELL .....	Second Ward
RUFUS C. LAREW .....	Third Ward
CLARENCE BROUARD .....	Fourth Ward
HARVEY R. THORN (Died March 10, 1938) .....	Clerk
HARRY W. FARLEY (From June 16, 1938) .....	Clerk

## COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENTS

HERMAN KLING .....	Chairman
CHARLES C. RANDOLPH .....	
JESSE G. MULFORD .....	

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELMER P. WEIGEL (Resigned 12/20/38) .....	President
ANDREW H. STIGLITZ (President from 12/20/38) .....	
AURELIO R. MANGIONE .....	Vice-President
JOHN McGLONE .....	
MRS. F. W. GODDARD (Resigned 8/10/38) .....	
MRS. STUART BAVIER (From 9/6/38) in place of Mrs. Goddard, resigned .....	
DIXON C. PHILIPS (From 12/19/38) in place of Mr. Weigel, resigned .....	
FREDERIC W. COOK .....	Superintendent of Schools
GEORGE B. ZIMMER .....	Secretary

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R. STORY ROWLAND .....	
ANDREW J. KROG .....	Health Officer
SUSAN D. VAIL .....	Office Secretary and Registrar of Vital Statistics

## PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

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OMER T. HOUSTON .....	Treasurer
VAN TUYL BOUGHTON .....	MRS. HERBERT J. LONG
MRS. WILLIAM S. LARE .....	FREDERIC W. COOK
	MRS. HARRY BROKAW SMITH

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MRS. GARRET SMITH .....	Secretary
LITHGOW HUNTER .....	
SYDNEY R. DURRANT .....	City Forester

## BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES D. WARDLAW .....	President
HAROLD D. CORBUSIER .....	Vice-President
MARION E. SNYDER .....	Secretary
ALBERT W. DRAKE .....	
EDWARD H. GOODWIN .....	
ROY O. SCHLENTER .....	Director

## SINKING FUND COMMISSION

DE WITT D. BARLOW, Mayor .....	President
ARTHUR E. CRONE, City Treasurer .....	Secretary-Treasurer
CHARLES E. LOIZEAUX .....	FREDERICK T. JACOBS
	J. HERBERT CASE

## RESEARCH, ADVISORY AND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WILLIAM G. McDOWELL .....	Chairman
LUTHER S. AYER .....	HENRY L. DE FOREST
	HENRY DE WITT SMITH
	HENRY T. WHITTON

## PENSION COMMISSION

DE WITT D. BARLOW, Mayor .....	Chairman
ARTHUR E. CRONE, City Treasurer .....	Secretary
GEORGE LEORCH .....	Representing the Police Department
PAUL F. ADAMS .....	Representing the Fire Department
DAVID J. SCOTT .....	Citizen

## BOARD OF APPEALS (BUILDING DIVISION)

WALTER J. DOUGLAS .....	Chairman	
CHARLES GILMAN .....	Secretary	
BERTRAM F. TALLAMY .....	JOHN F. KELLER .....	GEORGE H. FISHER, JR. ....

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

E. KENDALL MORSE	.....	Chairman
WALTER F. PEASE	.....	Secretary
SAMUEL SCHWARTZ	SEYMOUR PERKINS	MICHAEL D. O'KEEFE

## BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

DE WITT D. BARLOW .....	Mayor
RICHARD T. BUESCHEL .....	Member from Common Council
HARVEY R. LINBARGER .....	Member from Common Council
JOHN McGLONE .....	Member from Board of Education
ELMER P. WEIGEL (Resigned 12/20/38) .....	Member from Board of Education
ANDREW H. STIGLITZ (From 12/19/38) in place of Elmer P. Weigel, resigned	Member from Board of Education

## GENERAL INFORMATION CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

1938

Population, per April, 1930 Federal Census .....	34,422
Net Valuation taxable at local rate .....	\$60,224,944
Tax Rate for \$100.00 .....	\$4.25

Plainfield, a city of over six square miles, is located at the foothills of the Watchung Mountains, in the western part of the County of Union, in a comparatively level section; is provided with an excellent climate with abundance of pure and wholesome water from artesian wells; has one of the finest school systems in the state; churches of many denominations; adequate fire and police protection; well paved streets, and over 121 miles of sanitary and storm sewers.

Plainfield is about twenty-four miles from New York City, on the main line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the Reading Railroad, all operating between New York and Philadelphia. There is excellent train service, with a 45 minute running time of express trains to New York City. Highway Routes Nos. 25, 26, 28, and 29 run through or near Plainfield.

The chief industries are manufacture of printing presses, automobile trucks and parts, wood-working machines, tools, clothing and hats.

The products of the surrounding country, aside from general manufacturing located along the railroads, are from farms, specializing in milk, eggs, and vegetables.

Municipal buildings consist of City Hall, Police Headquarters, Fire Department Headquarters and two local company houses, thirteen public school buildings, with two more under construction, public library and art gallery—the fourth oldest in the State.

Modern buildings house the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Y. M.-Y. W. H. A. Plainfield has an active Chamber of Commerce, up-to-date department stores, Post Office Building, Hospital, six banks, seven building and loan associations and an armory, as well as private schools known the country over. Plainfield also has many recreational and social attractions, possessing two large parks within its borders supervised and controlled by the County, several golf clubs and fraternal and service clubs.



## FIRST ANNUAL MESSAGE

Harvey R. Linbarger, Mayor—January 2, 1939

Herewith, in full, is the address delivered by Mayor Harvey R. Linbarger to Plainfield's City Council yesterday at its organization:

To the Honorable, the Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield:

Gentlemen:

I would like to focus the attention of your honorable body on various matters affecting the welfare of the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Plainfield; and have divided these items under the following captions:

### Taxes

The year just closed brought to the City of Plainfield a high tax rate, and it behooves us as the governing body to check up carefully and endeavor to bring the rate down to a figure at least commensurate with that of former years; particularly in view of the mandate of the Department of Local Government, which makes it necessary for the city to go on a cash basis immediately.

This can be done by a sincere desire on the part of your honorable body to keep a steady and watchful eye upon the expenditures of all departments in the city and to practice economy at every turn; without, however, crippling the efficiency of city departments.

Additional sources of income should be studied and analyzed, and a special committee for this purpose would undoubtedly give a good account of itself and prove its worth by adding more revenue to our city treasury.

The repeal of mandatory legislation (enacted during prosperous times) should be urged on our state and county representatives, to the end that our state and county taxes may be reduced accordingly, and our municipality relieved thereby.

A more equitable system of tax assessments should be put in vogue, as the reductions made by the county and state boards of taxation have caused a serious problem for our assessors and a consequent reduction in ratables.

A harmonious basis of action between our local assessors and the county and state boards should be established, and the work of a committee of the Council towards this end would, in my opinion, be of incalculable benefit to our city; if the present wholesale reductions can be stopped; and an even level of assessments maintained.

The burden of taxes on real estate is becoming intolerable. Action should be taken at once to insist on a replacement tax for real estate relief.

Several forms have been proposed, among others being a general sales tax, a state income tax, and a tax on commercial vehicles of other states using our New Jersey roads. The first two, if applied to all citizens would have the effect of making them more tax-minded, and the latter one should be adopted in New Jersey, as in many other states where it is now in effect, it has reduced the real estate owners' tax cost materially.

I urge the appointment of a committee from your honorable body, to confer with our legislative representatives, to bring about the above tax relief.

If we are to retain our financial standing as a municipality, we must absolutely eliminate any unnecessary or extravagant expenditure of city funds.

### City Parking Space

Many justifiable complaints are made by citizens that enough parking spaces in the business district are unavailable.

A step toward the solution of part of this problem has been made by the acquisition of land in rear of the Strand Theatre, and the corporation counsel is working on further acquisition of a property in the neighborhood, in order that a large parking space for the public may be utilized here for the benefit of the city generally.

This will help relieve the traffic congestion, and I urge your honorable body to do all possible to cooperate towards this end.

## Relief

The seriousness of this proposition, together with the increase of the load placed upon the taxpayers of the city, necessitates impressing upon the minds of the legislators of the state, that the municipality is but a state agency in the administration of relief to those entitled to receive the same; and the State of New Jersey, through its legislature, should appropriate sufficient funds to bear its proportionate share of the relief burden placed upon the municipalities, as the result of present conditions.

The relief situation is a problem which should have the serious attention and consideration of your honorable body, with an intense study and analysis toward weeding out those who at present are enjoying an income from the city funds in this department, without being entitled to it.

The matter was the subject of investigation by last year's Council, and good work has been done, but a systematized effort should be made to complete this work, and investigators urged to bring in the information which will relieve the city of unnecessary expenditures along this line.

## Finances

Last year the city went under a severe financial strain.

While departments generally kept well within their budget, large bond issues were promulgated aggregating \$640,000. And this, together with outstanding bonds as of December 31, 1938, amounting to \$4,344,000, gives us total outstanding bonds of \$4,984,000.

During 1938 we paid off in principal on school bonds, general bonds and assessments bonds a total of \$286,000, and interest on these bonds which was paid during 1938 amounted to \$206,732.50, making a total on debt service paid during last year of \$492,732.50.

However, we are faced with requirements of payments of principal and interest on bond issues during 1939 in the sum of \$315,000 on principal and \$207,885 on interest, making a total of \$522,885 to pay during 1939 on account of debt service.

From the foregoing statement, you can readily appreciate that any expenditures of city funds above that for the economical operation of city departments should not be made, unless under the most acute circumstances.

We must lower our tax rate if we are to encourage the acquisition of Plainfield real estate and local business, not only by people of Plainfield, but through outside sources.

I strongly urge that no capital obligations of the City of Plainfield be incurred during 1939, if we are to keep our present favorable financial position.

## Salary Increases

I believe that an equalization of salaries to city employees should be arranged, to place all on a fair basis; but that no general increase of salaries should be considered this year.

The public employees of this city naturally do not have the same conception of the depression which has existed for the past 10 years, as have the rank and file of our citizens whose salaries and income from investments of various kinds have been seriously curtailed; and since the citizens who have suffered this impairment of income are those who must pay taxes, out of which the salaries of public employees are derived, I do not look with favor upon any general move to increase the compensation of employees in any branch of the public service at this time, or until the general depression of the nation has improved. The public employees knowing full well of the widespread unemployment and how the pinch of necessity is compelling the rank and file of our people to forego many of the comforts they heretofore enjoyed, must view with an understanding mind the reason why their bid for greater compensation at this time is a bit out of order.

## Civic Groups

Plainfield is fortunate in having a number of public spirited groups and organizations actively interested in the progress of our community, among these being the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions, Rotarians, Kiwanians, the Taxpayers' Association, the Safety Council, the League of Women



Voters, the SOS, the Parent-Teacher Associations, and many others which are making a good impression felt through the fine work that they are doing.

I am sure you gentlemen will join with me in wishing these organizations all the success they deserve and in hoping that we may cooperate with them toward a complete and satisfactory solution of the problems which confront our beloved city.

### **Police, Fire Departments**

The local police and fire departments are both well officered and manned and their equipment is complete and of the best.

New cars were purchased during 1938 including four radio cars and new chief's car in the Police Department; and in the Fire Department a new principal piece of apparatus, new chief's car and new car for deputy chief.

A new radio service has been installed at police headquarters under the crystal control designated by the Federal Radio Communications Service.

Thus our Police and Fire Departments are completely equipped with the most modern apparatus and it is to be sincerely hoped during 1939 the expenses in both of these departments will be considerably less than last year.

Both of these branches of service are being conducted on a high plane of efficiency and the morale is of the best.

Knowing, as I do, the high aims that actuate you gentlemen of the Council in your public service (given so generously for the welfare and progress of our beloved city), I look forward to the coming year with assurance that our efforts will be harmonious and fruitful of a satisfactory era in our community.

With most cordial wishes to you all for a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

HARVEY R. LINBARGER,  
Mayor

## FINANCIAL REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of Plainfield  
New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I am presenting herewith the annual report of the financial accounts and transactions of the City of Plainfield for the year ending December 31, 1938.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet immediately following reflects the City's financial condition at the beginning and the ending of the year. The Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Disbursements reflects the several sources of income and expenditures made.

Under the account classifications of Current, Capital, Trust, and Reserve, is reported the various activities or kind of service given by the City. These services are authorized and financed under separate statutes which require separate reports.

Exhibit "A," the Current Account Balance Sheet in comparative form (which controls the Local Budget) gives a complete picture of the City's current operating financial condition as at the beginning and at the ending of the year 1938.

The Surplus Revenue account as at the beginning and the ending of the year is as follows:

	Jan. 1, 1938	Dec. 31, 1938
Surplus Revenue Cash .....	\$117,471.83	\$121,771.23
Surplus Revenue Non-Cash .....	32,411.86	45,957.93

The analysis of Surplus Revenue is shown on Statement A-1.

Very little change exists in the Current Assets except for an increase in the Foreclosed Tax Title Liens and Property Acquired by Deed from \$49,788.12 to \$107,603.83 and a decrease in the Tax Title Liens from \$216,693.44 to \$147,003.76.

\$55,300.98 of the 1938 apportionments of the Franchise and Gross Receipts Taxes remains unpaid. This delinquency is due to pending appeals filed by the City of Hoboken and other municipalities against the apportionment of these taxes as made by the State Tax Commissioner.

### MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Miscellaneous Revenue, Statement A-3, shows a net deficit of \$19,481.36, more than \$16,000.00 of this deficit is contributed to the non-collection of the Franchise and Gross Receipts Taxes. This is the second succeeding year in which the Miscellaneous Revenues shows a deficit in a period of more than twelve years.

### Tax Revenues

The Tax Revenues for the year 1938 show a total tax levy of \$2,605,478.09, net valuation taxable at local rate

was \$61,276,285.00 @ \$4.25 .....	\$2,604,242.37
plus Bank Stock Tax .....	1,235.72

Total Property Tax .....

The apportionment of this property tax is as follows:

For:	Amount	Percent	Tax Rate
State School Tax .....	\$ 191,942.92	.0737	.313
State Bonus Tax .....	13,045.32	.0050	.021
County Taxes .....	456,606.01	.1752	.745
District Court Tax .....	3,872.41	.0015	.006
County Bond Tax .....	495.71	.0002	.001
Total State and County Taxes .....	\$ 665,962.37	.2556	1.086
Local School Tax .....	788,000.00	.3024	1.285
Local Purpose Tax .....	1,151,515.72	.4420	1.879
	\$2,605,478.09	1.0000	4.250

### Tax Title Liens

The Tax Title Liens show a decrease of \$69,689.68 from \$216,693.44 at the beginning of the year to \$147,033.76 at the end of the year. \$72,557.46 of Foreclosed Tax Liens were transferred and added to Tax Title Liens Foreclosed. The Tax Title Liens of the municipality are well in hand, and by conscientious effort in following the established plan, I am sure that the amount will be further reduced within the next year.

### Foreclosed Tax Title Liens & Property Acquired by Deed

During the year eighty-three Tax Title Liens were foreclosed and five properties were disposed of through public sale. At the close of the year the City had title to ninety-one parcels of property at a total cost of \$107,603.83. The total assessed valuation on these properties for 1938 was \$124,200.00.

### Budget Expenditures

Budget Expenditures were kept well within the amount appropriated. Outdoor Relief Expenditures amounting to \$139,710.71 were met by Budget Appropriation in the sum of \$59,601.19 and reimbursements from the State in the amount of \$80,109.52.

Appropriation Item	Net Appropriation	Expenditures and Reserves	Per- cent
Administrative and Executive .....	\$ 21,909.03	\$ 21,909.03	.015
Assessment and Collection of Taxes .....	50,423.28	50,423.28	.034
Grounds and Buildings .....	7,590.63	7,590.63	.005
Preservation of Life and Property including Hydrant Rental Service .....	417,402.43	417,402.43	.279
Health .....	25,842.45	25,842.45	.017
Welfare and Hospitalization .....	183,919.52	183,919.52	.123
Streets, Sewers and Building Division .....	199,908.58	199,908.58	.134
Recreation .....	12,606.12	12,606.12	.008
Public Library .....	28,000.00	28,000.00	.019
Others .....	10,665.61	10,665.61	.007
Debt Service .....	487,308.19	487,308.19	.326
Deficits and Statutory Expenditures .....	32,445.11	32,445.11	.022
Reserves .....	16,000.00	16,000.00	.011
	<u>\$1,494,010.95</u>	<u>\$1,494,010.95</u>	<u>1.000</u>

### Capital Accounts

Under the Capital classification of accounts, Exhibit B, is a comparative balance sheet. The Capital gross bonded indebtedness shows a net increase of \$389,000.00 for the year 1938.

Bonds issued during the year were:

for two new Schools .....	\$276,000.00
for Storm Sewers—W.P.A. ....	292,000.00
for Improvements to Joint Sewage Disposal Plant .....	73,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$641,000.00</b>

Six hundred and forty \$1,000 bonds were sold for \$641,696.00 at a coupon interest rate of \$2.20.

### Debt Obligations and Sinking Fund Pledged to the Payment of Debt Obligations on December 31, 1938

	Debt Obligations	Sinking Fund and Cash Pledged
General Bonds .....	3,133,000.00	
School Bonds .....	\$1,785,000.00	\$121,658.78
Improvement Notes .....	4,307.95	
Assessment Bonds and Serial Notes .....	76,235.35	57,960.56
<b>TOTAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$4,998,543.30</b>	<b>\$179,619.34</b>
Less Funds Pledged .....	179,619.34	
<b>NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$4,818,923.96</b>	
1938 Valuation of taxable real property .....		\$54,278,769.00

Net Debt Limit	Net Debt Percentage	8.88
General—7% or \$3,799,514.00		
School—6% or \$3,256,726.00		
<u>Total—13% or \$7,056,240.00</u>		

### Trust Accounts

Exhibit C—The reports on these accounts speak for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSS R. DEARDORFF,

Supervisor of Municipal Finances  
and Accounts

Dated May 10, 1939



**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT  
JANUARY 1, 1938 AND DECEMBER 31, 1938**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>January 1st, 1938</b>	<b>December 31st, 1938</b>
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>		
Cash .....	\$ 203,743.22	\$ 225,601.65
Outstanding Taxes .....	730,353.37	718,467.92
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable .....	1,846.14	1,628.05
Foreclosed Property .....	49,788.18	107,603.83
Deferred School Tax Revenue .....	388,251.50	394,000.00
Emergency Revenues .....	36,902.60	35,225.97
Deferred Charges .....	32,411.86	45,957.81
<b>Total Current Account .....</b>	<b>\$1,443,296.87</b>	<b>\$1,528,485.23</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Cash .....	18,492.79	215,100.66
Unfunded Improvements Authorized .....	78,000.00	23,232.86
Unexpended Ordinance Funds .....	4,835.69	209,307.49
Cost of Improvements in Progress .....	20,164.31	36,636.85
Amount to be Raised by Taxation in Future Budgets .....	4,398,776.97	4,554,704.86
Amount in Sinking Fund Pledged to the Payment of Term Bonds .....	130,223.03	121,658.78
Joint Sewer Commission (Contra) .....	6,800.00	8,500.00
<b>Total Capital Account .....</b>	<b>4,657,292.79</b>	<b>5,169,141.50</b>
<b>TRUST ACCOUNT</b>		
Cash .....	1,203.70	2,818.61
Assessments Receivable .....	51,696.97	18,274.79
Cash in Sinking Fund Pledged to Assessment Debt .....	58,259.39	55,509.45
<b>Total Trust Account .....</b>	<b>111,160.06</b>	<b>76,602.85</b>
<b>SINKING FUND</b>		
Cash .....	2,024.76	1,633.61
Investments .....	186,457.66	175,534.62
<b>Total Sinking Fund .....</b>	<b>188,482.42</b>	<b>177,168.23</b>

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT  
JANUARY 1, 1938 AND DECEMBER 31, 1938**

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>January 1st, 1938</b>	<b>December 31st, 1938</b>
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>		
Reserve and Emergency Appropriations .....	\$ 38,847.21	\$ 61,680.42
Local School Account .....	440,175.68	436,150.00
Emergency Notes Payable .....	32,402.60	35,225.85
Reserve Accounts for Delinquent Taxes, Tax Title Liens, etc. ....	732,199.51	720,095.97
Foreclosed Property Reserved .....	49,788.18	107,603.83
Surplus Revenue Cash .....	117,471.83	121,771.23
Surplus Revenue Non-Cash .....	32,411.86	45,957.93
<b>Total Current Account .....</b>	<b>1,443,296.87</b>	<b>1,528,485.23</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Unexpended Ordinance Appropriations .....	82,835.69	232,540.35
Joint Sewer (Contra) .....	6,800.00	8,500.00
Reserve for the Payment of Capital Improvement Costs .....	13,289.23	5,793.17
Retained Percentages .....	367.87	.....
Improvement Notes .....	25,000.00	4,307.98
Bonds Outstanding .....	4,529,000.00	4,918,000.00
<b>Total Capital Account .....</b>	<b>4,657,292.79</b>	<b>5,169,141.50</b>
<b>TRUST ACCOUNT</b>		
Assessment Debt (Notes and Bonds) .....	109,957.66	76,235.35
Fund Accounts .....	1,202.40	367.50
<b>Total Trust Account .....</b>	<b>111,160.06</b>	<b>76,602.85</b>
<b>SINKING FUND</b>		
Sinking Fund Requirement as per Law .....	125,526.65	115,556.08
Local Improvement Account .....	58,259.39	55,509.45
Surplus .....	4,696.38	6,102.70
<b>Total Sinking Fund .....</b>	<b>188,482.42</b>	<b>177,168.23</b>

# CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

## RECEIPTS

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

From Collection of Taxes .....	\$2,610,857.52
From Miscellaneous Revenues .....	234,934.15
From Accounts Receivable and Fund Accounts .....	18,573.00
From State of New Jersey Reimbursement on Account of Relief Costs .....	80,109.52
From Sale of Foreclosed Property .....	14,875.00
From Sale of Emergency Notes .....	35,225.85

Total Current Account .....	2,994,575.04
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### CAPITAL ACCOUNT

From Sale of Improvement Notes .....	190,007.98
From Sale of Serial Bonds .....	641,000.00
From Trust Account for Assessments Confirmed .....	1,926.58
From Current Budget Account to Capital Reserve Account .....	7,000.00
Contributions to Reserve Account .....	51,893.43
From Sinking Fund to Pay Term Bonds .....	18,000.00

Total Capital Account .....	909,827.99
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### TRUST ACCOUNT

From Assessments Receivable .....	29,470.43
From Current Account for Assessment Liens .....	115.10
Assessments Cancelled—Charged to Deferred Charges— Current Account .....	5,763.23
Sale of Assessment Notes .....	10,235.35
From Sinking Fund—To Pay Bonds and Notes .....	38,000.00
From Miscellaneous Fund Accounts .....	20.00

Total Trust Account .....	83,604.11
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### SINKING FUND

From Sales and Matured Investments .....	109,907.66
From Income on Investments .....	7,662.66
From City of Plainfield—Appropriation .....	1,773.09
From City Assessment Funds .....	38,362.75

Total Sinking Fund .....	157,706.16
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	4,145,713.30
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### CASH BALANCES—JANUARY 1, 1938

Current Account .....	203,743.22
Capital Account .....	18,492.79
Trust Account .....	1,203.70
Sinking Fund .....	2,024.76

Total Cash Balances .....	225,464.47
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\$4,371,177.77



# CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

## DISBURSEMENTS

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

1938 Budget Accounts .....	1,786,169.79
1937 Reserve Accounts .....	466,548.18
State and County Taxes .....	665,962.37
Payment of Emergency Notes .....	32,402.60
Miscellaneous Items—Accounts Payable, Fund Accounts, etc. ....	21,633.67

Total Current Account .....	2,972,716.61
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### CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Payment of Improvement Costs .....	484,152.25
Payment of Retained Percentages .....	387.87
Payment of Improvement Notes .....	210,700.00
Payment of Term Bonds .....	18,000.00

Total Capital Account .....	713,220.12
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### TRUST ACCOUNT

Assessment Collections Paid Sinking Fund .....	35,250.06
Payment of Assessment Notes and Bonds .....	43,957.66
Payment of Miscellaneous Fund Accounts .....	854.90
To Capital Account for Assessments Confirmed .....	1,926.58

Total Trust Account .....	81,989.20
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### SINKING FUND

Purchase of Investments .....	98,984.62
Payment of Maturing Investments .....	18,000.00
Assessment Funds Returned to City .....	41,112.69

Total Sinking Fund .....	158,097.31
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GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	3,926,023.24
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### CASH BALANCES—DECEMBER 31, 1938

Current Account .....	225,601.65
Capital Account .....	215,100.66
Trust Account .....	2,818.61
Sinking Fund .....	1,633.61

Total Cash Balances .....	445,154.53
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4,371,177.77

### BANK BALANCES—DECEMBER 31, 1938

Plainfield Trust Company—General Account .....	392,244.45
Plainfield Trust Company—Relief Account .....	5,276.47
State Trust Company .....	25,000.00
Plainfield National Bank .....	10,000.00
Mid-City Trust Company .....	10,000.00
First National Bank .....	1,000.00
Sinking Fund Commission (Plainfield Trust Co.) .....	1,633.61

445,154.53

## CURRENT ACCOUNT ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT

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## CASH ANALYSIS

Cash Balance December 31, 1938 .....	\$225,601.65	
Less: 1938 Obligations		
Reserve Appropriations		
1938 General Budget .....	55,743.37	
1938 Dedicated Budget .....	282.80	
Emergency Appropriations .....	2,836.76	
Payable and Fund Accounts .....	2,773.47	
Overpayment of Taxes .....	44.02	
1938-1939 School Tax Payable .....	42,150.00	
		<u>103,830.42</u>
Cash Surplus December 31, 1938 .....		121,771.23
as per Balance Sheet		<u>121,771.23</u>

## ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE NON-CASH

Balance December 31, 1938 .....		45,957.93
Abatement of Taxes by		
County Board of Taxation .....	10,429.83	
Abatement of Taxes by		
State Board of Tax Appeals .....	273.00	
Assessment Ord. 250 Church		
St. Cancelled by C. C. ....	5,763.23	
Loss on Foreclosed Property		
Sold in 1938 .....	8,323.89	
Deficit 1938 Miscellaneous Revenues .....	19,481.36	
Deficit 1938 Dedicated Revenues .....	1,686.50	
Unfunded Emergency Appropriations .....	.12	
		<u>45,957.93</u>



## STATEMENT OF 1938 REVENUES

Item No.	Resources	Budget Anticipated	REALIZED			
			In Cash	Accounts and Taxes Receivable	Deficit Revenues	Excess Revenues
GENERAL REVENUES						
1	Surplus Revenue Appropriated .....	103,000.00				
2	Miscellaneous Revenues .....		13,526.90	103,000.00		
	a City Clerk—Licenses .....	13,550.00	2,259.25		23.10	255.75
	b Board of Health—Licenses .....	3,650.00	1,646.50			
	c Board of Health—Fees and Permits .....		5,631.12			1,631.12
	d Building Department—Fees and Permits .....	4,000.00	25,857.25			157.25
	e Liquor Licenses .....	25,700.00	7,867.90		622.10	
	f City Court—Fines and Penalties .....	8,490.00	1,033.50		66.50	
	g Search Fees .....	1,100.00	45,336.45		3,663.55	
	h Interest on Taxes .....	49,000.00	2,163.70		2,636.30	
	i Franchise Taxes .....	4,800.00	48,749.95		5,472.05	
	j Gross Receipts Taxes .....	54,222.00	17,915.00		11,183.00	
	k Jitney Buses .....	29,098.00	7,276.02			176.02
	l Rentals .....	7,100.00	4,922.23			1,922.23
	m Motor Fuel (State Tax Refund) .....	3,000.00	1,272.87			42.87
	Special Items of General Revenue anticipated with prior consent of State Auditor .....	1,230.00				
	c Trust Funds (See Letter) .....		847.40			
	Total Items 1 and 2 .....	847.40				
	Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated .....	308,787.40	186,306.04	103,000.00	23,666.60	4,185.24
3	Amount to be raised by taxation .....	1,105,114.03	6,271.43	1,151,515.72		6,271.43
4	Total of General Budget Revenues .....	1,413,901.43	192,577.47	1,254,515.72	23,666.60	46,401.69
						56,858.36
RECAPITULATION						
A-2	Budget Revenues .....		1,413,901.43			
A	Realized—In Cash .....			192,577.47		
A-16	Realized—Accounts Receivable .....			1,254,515.72		
A-17	Deficit Miscellaneous Revenues .....		46,401.69	19,481.36		
	Excess Tax Revenue .....		6,271.43			
	Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated .....					
			1,466,574.55	1,466,574.55		

## STATEMENT OF 1933 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Item No.	Title of Appropriation	1933 Budget Amount	TRANSFERS		Net Budget Appropriation	EXPENDED BY		Total Expended
			From	To		Cash	Journal Reserve	
1	Salaries .....	14,859.65		250.13	15,109.78	15,109.78		15,109.78
2	Office Expenses, Supplies, etc. ....	2,770.99		206.99	2,976.99	2,922.39	147.60	2,976.99
3	Printing and Advertising .....	1,100.00		16.25	1,116.25	1,116.25		1,116.25
4	Auditing .....	1,200.00	56.99		1,159.00	1,142.59	7.50	1,156.06
5	League of Municipalities .....	227.50			227.50	227.50		227.50
6	Research, Advisory and City Planning .....	506.00	166.99		499.00	476.27	22.62	499.00
4a	Bond Issue Expenses .....	275.99		569.56	835.56	835.56		835.56
7	Tax Department .....	14,949.15	569.99		15,549.15	13,166.15	388.01	13,549.15
8	For Title Searching Municipal Liens and Foreclosures Costs .....	15,000.00			15,000.00	5,137.65	9,862.35	15,000.00
9	Board of Assessors .....	2,591.12	506.99		2,491.12	2,447.99	43.13	2,491.12
10	Department of Finance .....	13,583.00	200.00		13,383.00	13,318.61	64.39	13,383.00
12	Maintenance City Hall, Parks and Grounds .....	7,225.16	196.99		7,128.16	6,993.18	213.98	7,129.16
13	Washington Headquarters .....	100.00	75.00		25.00	19.25	5.75	25.00
15	Board of Adjustments .....	425.00		11.47	436.47	436.47		436.47
16	Police Department .....	152,968.00		270.03	153,238.03	153,238.03		153,238.03
	A- Salaries and Wages .....							
	B- Maintenance, Including Repairs, Replacements and Additions .....	15,764.00	706.00		15,064.00	13,729.40	1,344.60	15,064.00
	C- Signs and Road Markings (Traffic) .....	4,096.69	300.99		2,996.99	2,146.69	53.31	2,200.00
	D- Police Radio .....	3,550.00	166.99		3,996.00	3,893.75	6.25	3,996.00
17	City Court .....				3,550.00	3,536.41	13.59	3,550.00
18	Fire Department .....	144,427.28	2,206.99		142,227.28	141,671.16	556.12	142,227.28
	A- Salaries and Wages .....							
	B- Maintenance, Including Repairs, Replacements and Additions .....	7,169.72	2,200.00		9,369.72	7,229.72	2,140.00	9,369.72
	C- Signal System, Police, Fire and Traffic .....	15,573.49	806.00		14,773.49	14,437.51	335.98	14,773.49
19	Fire Service Charge and Hydrant Rental .....	61,350.00			61,350.00	46,009.90	15,340.10	61,350.00
20	Pensions Police and Fire .....		106.99		11,730.00	11,722.99	7.01	11,730.00
21	Board of Health .....	23,559.81		350.00	23,909.81	23,846.78	63.03	23,909.81
22	Dog Pound .....	1,882.64		50.00	1,932.64	1,820.36	112.28	1,932.64
24	Department of Welfare .....	15,830.00		2,200.00	18,030.00	17,869.69	160.40	18,030.00
	A- Administration .....							
	B- Outdoor Relief .....	70,786.00	59,601.19		11,178.81	5,993.27	6,085.54	11,178.81



## STATEMENT OF 1938 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Item No.	Title of Appropriation	1938 Budget Amount	TRANSFERS		Net Budget Appropriation	EXPENDED BY			Total Expended
			From	To		Cash	Journal	Reserve	
	B—Outdoor Relief, Special Bank Account			59,601.19					
	State Reimbursement			80,109.52	139,710.71	134,434.24		5,276.47	139,710.71
25	Nursing and Infant Welfare Service	3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00			3,000.00
27	Muhlenberg Hospital	12,000.00				12,000.00			12,000.00
28	Streets and Building Division	90,006.15	4,000.00		86,006.15	80,794.04		5,212.11	86,006.15
28	Streets and Building, Ordinance No. 1036			4,000.00	4,000.00	395.17		3,604.83	4,000.00
28a	County of Union—1934 Charge					531.90			531.90
29	Sewers								
		531.90			531.90				
29	Sewers								
30	Operation Joint Sewage Disposal Plant	20,677.30			20,677.30	19,215.48		1,461.82	20,677.30
31	Street Lighting	33,939.22	200.00		33,739.22	33,707.35		31.87	33,739.22
31	Street Lighting								
32	Shade Tree Commission	44,800.00	88.99		44,211.01	43,998.03		272.98	44,211.01
32	Shade Tree Commission								
33	Snow Removal	8,743.00			8,743.00	8,352.52		390.48	8,743.00
33	Snow Removal								
34	Recreation Commission	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,957.33		42.67	2,000.00
34	Recreation Commission								
35	Plainfield Public Library	12,456.12		150.00	12,606.12	12,501.00		105.12	12,606.12
35	Plainfield Public Library								
36	Election Expenses	28,000.00			28,000.00	28,000.00			28,000.00
36	Election Expenses								
37	Fire Insurance	1,700.00	300.00		1,400.00	1,390.95		9.05	1,400.00
37	Fire Insurance								
38	Automobile and Property Damage Insurance	1,400.00		27.61	1,427.61	1,427.61			1,427.61
38	Automobile and Property Damage Insurance								
39	Payment of Claims, Memorial Day Expenses	3,100.00	72.00		3,028.00	3,027.69		.31	3,028.00
39	Payment of Claims, Memorial Day Expenses								
41	Contingent	300.00			300.00	300.00			300.00
41	Contingent								
42	Payment of Serial Bonds—A—School	4,500.00			4,500.00	2,595.69		1,904.31	4,500.00
42	Payment of Serial Bonds—A—School								
42	B—General	85,000.00			85,000.00	85,000.00			85,000.00
42	B—General								
42	Payment of Serial Bonds—A—School	148,000.00			148,000.00	148,000.00			148,000.00
42	Payment of Serial Bonds—A—School								
43	Sinking Fund Requirements				1,773.09	1,773.09			1,773.09
43	Sinking Fund Requirements								
44	Interest on Bonded Indebtedness								
	A—School								
	B—General	71,021.25			71,021.25	71,021.25			71,021.25
	B—General								
	C—Assessment	131,953.75			131,953.75	131,953.75			131,953.75
	C—Assessment								
45	Interest on Current Loans	3,757.50			3,757.50	3,757.50			3,757.50
45	Interest on Current Loans								
46	Interest on Improvement and Assessment Notes	500.00			500.00	121.30		378.70	500.00
46	Interest on Improvement and Assessment Notes								
49c	Payment of Emergency Notes—1937	32,402.60							
49c	Payment of Emergency Notes—1937								
	Emergency Appropriation not Financed	4,500.00							
	Emergency Appropriation not Financed								
51	Payment of Improvement Notes and City's Share of Improvement Costs	36,902.60	2,000.00		38,902.60			36,902.60	36,902.60
51	Payment of Improvement Notes and City's Share of Improvement Costs								
		5,000.00			7,000.00	7,000.00			7,000.00

## STATEMENT OF 1938 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Item No.	Title of Appropriation	1938 Budget Amount	TRANSFERS		Net Budget Appropriation	EXPENDED BY			Total Expended
			From	To		Cash	Journal	Reserve	
52	Abatement of Taxes by State and County Boards of Taxation .....	7,954.18			7,954.18		7,954.18		7,954.18
53	Deficit, 1937 Miscellaneous Revenues .....	24,457.68			24,457.68		24,457.68		24,457.68
53a	Deficit, Surplus Revenue Cash Appropriated (In 1937) .....	33.25			33.25		33.25		33.25
54	Remission of Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes .....	16,000.00			16,000.00		16,000.00		16,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS .....		1,413,901.43	7,987.18	71,987.18	1,494,010.95	1,352,919.87	85,347.71	55,743.37	1,494,010.95
State Reimbursement for Relief—Cash Receipts .....		80,109.52		80,109.52					
Public Schools 1938-1939 .....		1,494,010.95							
		788,000.00			788,000.00	351,850.00		436,150.00	788,000.00



## 1938 STATEMENT OF DEDICATED REVENUES

	1938 Budget	REALIZED In Cash	By Journal	Deficit Revenues
Netherwood Golf Club .....	9,000.00	7,313.50		1,686.50
From Sinking Fund				
Assessment Cash to pay				
Assessment Bonds .....	35,000.00	35,000.00		
To Pay Assessment Notes .....	3,000.00		3,000.00	
From Sinking Fund				
To Pay Terms Bonds				
School Bonds .....	7,000.00		7,000.00	
General Bonds .....	11,000.00		11,000.00	
	<u>65,000.00</u>	<u>42,313.50</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>	<u>1,686.50</u>

## STATEMENT OF 1938

## APPROPRIATION FOR DEDICATED PURPOSES

	1938 Budget	1938 Expenditures	Reserved Unexpended Dec. 31, 1938	Balances
Assessment Debt Service:				
Payment of Bonds .....	35,000.00	35,000.00C		
Payment of Temporary Notes .....	3,000.00	3,000.00J		
Netherwood Golf Club .....	9,000.00	7,030.70C	282.80	1,686.50
Payment of Term Bonds:				
(a) School .....	7,000.00	7,000.00J		
(b) General .....	11,000.00	11,000.00J		
	<u>65,000.00</u>	<u>63,030.70</u>	<u>282.80</u>	<u>1,686.50</u>
Cash Disbursements .....		42,030.70		
Journal Disbursements .....		21,000.00		
		<u>63,030.70</u>		
Reserved .....		282.80		
Unexpended Balances .....		1,686.50		
	<u>65,000.00</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>		

## STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1938	1938 Appropriations	Expended In 1938	Balance to Surplus	Balance Carried Dec. 31, 1938
Repairs to Five Headquarters Buildings .....	7,312.50	1,000.00	8,312.50		70.75
W. P. A. Codification of City Ordinance .....	598.77		528.02		
Covering Trolly Tracks, Labor and Materials .....	1,194.47		384.96	809.51	741.01
W. P. A. No. 5 Codification of the Board of Health .....		1,512.00	770.99		
Installation of Signal at Terrill Road and South Avenue .....		2,000.00	1,654.77	345.23	
Bus Transportation .....		1,000.00	760.00	240.00	
Housing Authority City of Plainfield .....		5,000.00	3,250.00		1,750.00
Wind Storm .....		3,300.00	2,612.58	412.42	275.00
Repairs to Cupola, City Hall .....		717.00	8,131.85		
Great Western Sugar Company Case .....		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Appraisal Services & Testimony before Union County Board Taxation .....		10,500.00	10,181.43	318.57	
Snow and Ice .....		1,065.12	1,065.12		
Legal Expenses—American Garage .....					
	9,105.74	35,225.97	39,369.22	2,125.73	2,886.76

## EMERGENCY REVENUES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1938	1938 Appropriations	Emergency Revenues 1938
1. 1937 Emergencies .....	36,902.60	36,902.60	
2. Fire Headquarters Building .....			1,000.00
3. W. P. A. Board of Health .....			1,512.00
4. Signal Lights—South Avenue and Terrill Road .....			2,000.00
5. Bus Transportation .....			1,000.00
6. Housing Authority .....			5,000.00
7. Wind Storm .....			3,300.00
8. Repairs to Cupola .....			717.00
9. For Professional Service to Defend Assessments .....			1,000.00
10. General Factors Company—Great Western Sugar Co. Assessments .....			8,131.85
11. Attorney Expense—Garage Litigation .....			1,065.12
12. Snow Removal .....			10,500.00
	36,902.60	36,902.60	35,225.97

# STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1938

Property Taxes		Outstanding Jan. 1, 1938	Added and 1938 Levy	Taxes Added By Cash Disbursed	Adjustments Plus Minus	Collected in 1938	Remitted in 1938	Transferred to Foreclosed Property	Transferred to Tax Title Liens	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1938	Overpayments	Refund Overpayments
1931 Personal Tax	.....	77.30					77.30					
1932 Personal Tax	.....	147.55				9.55	136.42			1.58		
1933 Personal Tax	.....	324.97	12.04			57.47	195.38			84.16		
1934 Personal Tax	.....	2,354.84	52.82			1,092.76	1,035.92			278.98		
1935 Personal Tax	.....	4,634.71	21.18			1,637.83	1,348.28			1,669.78		
1935 Real Estate Tax	.....			5.29					5.29			
1936 Real Estate and Personal Tax	.....	14,128.08	56.59	5.40		5,707.78	3,568.42		5.40	4,908.47		
1937 Real and Personal Tax	.....	464,722.48	39,201.60			484,762.13	4,735.62		1,682.86	12,743.47	.60	
1937 2nd Class Railroad Tax	.....	4,730.89			4,730.89-M							
Total	.....	491,120.82	39,344.23	10.69	4,730.89	493,267.52	11,097.34		1,693.55	19,686.44	.60	
Installments Chapter 109—P. L. 1933	.....	306.45				306.45						
Tax Title Liens	.....	216,693.44	21,361.79		10.00-M	18,484.01		72,557.46		147,003.76		
Second	.....											
1932 to 1937	.....	22,232.66			4,730.89-P					26,963.55	.60	
Total Delinquents	.....	730,353.37	60,706.02		10.00	512,057.98	11,097.34	72,557.46	1,693.55	193,653.75		
1938 Real and Personal Tax	.....		2,591,361.94			2,089,791.54	14,696.36	3,480.75	19,032.27	464,361.02	5,854.66	5,811.24
1938 2nd Class Railroad Tax	.....		12,880.43			7,728.26				5,172.17		
1938 Bank Stock Tax	.....		1,236.72			1,236.72						
Total 1938 Taxes	.....		2,605,478.09			2,098,755.52	14,696.36	3,480.75	19,032.27	469,513.19		
GRAND TOTAL	.....	730,353.37	2,666,184.11	10.69	10.00	2,610,813.50	25,793.70	76,038.21	20,725.82	663,166.94	5,855.26	5,811.24
Interest and Costs Added 520.87												
Assessments Sold—(Cash) 115.10												
Added to Liens 21,361.79												
Franchise and Gross Receipts Taxes	.....											
1938 Franchise Tax	.....		83,964.28			48,749.95				35,214.33		
1938 Gross Receipts Tax	.....		38,001.65			17,915.00				20,086.65		
	.....											
	.....		121,965.93			66,664.95				55,300.98		



# STATEMENT OF TAXES REMITTED

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	Remitted By Common Council	County Board Judgements	Soldiers & Sailors by Collector	Total
1931 .....	77.30			77.30
1932 .....	136.42			136.42
1933 .....	195.38			195.38
1934 .....	1,035.92			1,035.92
1935 .....	1,348.28			1,348.28
1936 .....	3,568.42			3,568.42
1937 .....	4,606.92		128.70	4,735.62
1938 .....	3,974.27	9,469.34	1,252.75	14,696.36
	<u>14,942.91</u>	<u>9,469.34</u>	<u>1,381.45</u>	<u>25,793.70</u>
	Charged to Reserve for Taxes	Charged to Deferred Charges		Total
1931 .....	77.30			77.30
1932 .....	136.42			136.42
1933 .....	195.38			195.38
1934 .....	1,035.92			1,035.92
1935 .....	1,348.28			1,348.28
1936 .....	3,568.42			3,568.42
1937 .....	4,735.62			4,735.62
1938 .....	4,266.53	10,429.83		14,696.36
	<u>15,363.87</u>	<u>10,429.83</u>		<u>25,793.70</u>

## CURRENT ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF TAX TITLE LIENS

A9-2

Index			
A	Balance January 1, 1938 .....	216,693.44	
	Added in 1938		
A-2	1935 Taxes Sold .....	5.29	
A-2	1936 Taxes Sold .....	5.40	
A-9	1937 Taxes Sold .....	1,682.86	
A2	Assessments Ordinance 297 .....	115.10	
A14-1	Interest and Cost Added .....	520.87	
A9 & 10	1938 Taxes Transferred .....	19,032.27	
			<u>238,055.23</u>
A11	Transferred to Foreclosed Property .....	72,557.46	
A2	Paid in 1938 .....	18,484.01	
	Correction Credit on Lien		
	Ctf. E408—Block 1001 Lot 11 .....	10.00	
A	Balance December 31, 1938 .....	147,003.76	
			<u>238,055.23</u>

## STATEMENT OF 1938 TAX DUPLICATE

A10

Index	Valuations	Items	Tax
<b>1938 Levy</b>			
Real Estate Tax .....	53,975,700.00	2,293,967.25	
2nd Class Railroad Tax .....	303,069.00	12,880.43	
Personal Property .....	5,964,175.00	253,477.44	
Added Personal Tax .....	1,000,000.00	42,500.00	
Other Added Taxes .....	33,341.00	1,417.00	
By Added Fractions .....		.25	
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Bank Stock Tax .....	61,276,285.00	2,604,242.37	
		1,235.72	
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			2,605,478.09
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<b>Credits</b>			
<b>1938 Payments</b>			
Real and Personal Property .....	2,089,791.54		
2nd Class Railroad Tax .....	7,728.26		
Bank Stock Tax .....	1,235.72		
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Total Payments .....		2,098,755.52	
Remitted in 1938 .....		14,696.36	
Transferred to Foreclosed Property .....		3,480.75	
Transferred to Tax Title Liens .....		19,032.27	
Outstanding December 31, 1938			
Real and Personal .....	464,361.02		
2nd Class Railroad Tax .....	5,152.17	469,513.19	
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			2,605,478.09
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## ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX

Total Property Tax .....	2,605,478.09
<b>For:</b>	
State School Tax .....	191,942.92
State Bonus Tax .....	13,045.32
County Taxes .....	456,606.01
District Court Tax .....	3,872.41
County Bond Tax .....	495.71
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Total State and County Tax .....	665,962.37
Local School Tax .....	788,000.00
Local Purpose Tax .....	1,151,515.72
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	2,605,478.09
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## 1938 STATEMENT OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY

A11

<b>Index</b>		
A	Balance January 1, 1938 .....	49,788.18
	Added	
A9	1938 Taxes .....	3,480.75
	Principal of Liens as of	
A9	December 31, 1937 Foreclosed .....	72,557.46
	Taxed costs added .....	4,848.64
	Expense procuring Deeds .....	15.00
A17	Profit on Property Sold .....	112.69
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		81,014.54
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		130,802.72
	<b>Credits</b>	
A	Receipts from Sale of Property .....	14,875.00
A17	Loss on Property Sold, Deferred Charge .....	8,323.89
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		23,198.89
		107,603.83
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A	Balance December 31, 1938 .....	130,802.72

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRESS

B-3

Order No.	Improvements	Date	Cost in Progress Jan. 1, 1938	Added Cash Disbursements	Retained Percentages	Total Costs	In Progress Dec. 31, 1938	Assessed to Property Owners	City's Share Of Cost to Future Taxation
	<b>Streets</b>								
310	Improvement of Bradford Street .....	3/22/38		1,926.58		1,926.58	2,089.56	1,926.58	
311	Improvement of Parkside Road .....	6/22/38		2,089.56		2,089.56	1,569.95		
313	Improvement of Hollywood Avenue .....	8/2/38		1,569.95		1,569.95			
	<b>Sanitary Sewers</b>								
312	Remington Avenue, etc. ....	7/6/38		1,548.47		1,548.47	1,548.47		693.13
1037	Myrtle Avenue .....	1/18/38		693.13		693.13			
	<b>Storm Sewers</b>								
1035	Loraine Avenue, Denmark Road, etc. ....	3/22/38		2,630.10		2,630.10	2,630.10		
1036	Cedar Brook .....	8/3/37		82,835.69		103,000.00			103,000.00
1038	W. P. A. Miscellaneous Streets .....	8/2/38	20,164.31	28,544.20		28,544.20	28,544.20		
1039	East Seventh Street .....	8/5/38		8,500.00		8,500.00			8,500.00
	<b>Improvement Joint Sewage Disposal Plant</b>								
	Ordinance .....	5/17/38		10,200.00		10,200.00			10,200.00
	Improve Land for Recreational Purposes .....	10/17/38		65,960.00		65,960.00			65,960.00
1040		10/17/38		254.57		254.57	254.57		
	<b>New Schools</b>								
	Purchase of Land—Leland Avenue .....	1/1/38		13,500.00		13,500.00			13,500.00
	Purchase of Land—East Front Street .....	2/8/38		13,900.00		13,900.00			13,900.00
	Leland Avenue School .....	9/16/38		110,000.00		110,000.00			110,000.00
	East Front Street School .....	11/21/38		140,000.00		140,000.00			140,000.00
			20,164.31	484,152.25		504,316.56	36,636.85	1,926.58	465,753.13



## DEBT SERVICE — SCHEDULE OF BONDS

Sheet No. 1

Page	Title or Purpose of Issue	Total Amount Issued	Date of Issue	Amount Outstanding 12/31/38	Amount of Maturity	Date of Maturity	Rate of Interest	1939 Appropriations		
								For Principal	For Interest 1st Half	2nd Half
SCHOOL TERM BONDS										
3	Darrow Avenue School .....	95,000.	July 1, 1908	79,000.	79,000.	July 1, 1958	4½	None	1,777.50	1,777.50
5	Jefferson School .....	45,000.	Nov. 1, 1909	13,000.	13,000.	Nov. 1, 1959	4	None	260.00	260.00
10	Evergreen School .....	96,000.	Mar. 1, 1915	87,000.	3,000.	Mar. 1, 1944				
					1,000.	Mar. 1, 1945-54				
					3,000.	Mar. 1, 1955-56				
					1,000.	Mar. 1, 1957-61				
					4,000.	Mar. 1, 1962-64				
					9,000.	Mar. 1, 1965				
					7,000.	June 1, 1955-57				
					2,000.	June 1, 1960-61				
					4,000.	June 1, 1962-63				
					1,000.	June 1, 1965				
11	Emerson Avenue School .....	30,000.	June 1, 1916	19,000.			4½	None	1,957.50	1,957.50
								None	427.50	427.50
								None	4,422.50	4,422.50
Total School Term Bonds										
				198,000.				None		
SCHOOL SERIAL BONDS										
27	High School 3rd Issue .....	230,000.	Jan. 1, 1913	196,000.	9,000.	Jan. 1, 1940-60	4½	9,000.00	4,410.00	4,410.00
32	Jefferson School .....	270,000.	June 1, 1922	135,000.	7,000.	Jan. 1, 1939-51				
					10,000.	June 1, 1952	4½	10,000.00	3,037.50	2,812.50
37	Evergreen School .....	113,000.	May 1, 1922	54,000.	5,000.	May 1, 1939-51				
					4,000.	May 1, 1952	4½	4,000.00	1,215.00	1,125.00
41	Emerson Avenue School 2nd .....	134,000.	Aug. 15, 1919	44,000	2,000.	Aug. 15, 1938-46				
					5,000.	Aug. 15, 1947	5	5,000.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
51	East 7th Street School .....	233,000.	July 1, 1924	162,000.	7,000.	July 1, 1939-61	4½	7,000.00	3,645.00	3,487.50
					4,000.	July 1, 1962				
55	Land High School Field and Maxson School Addition .....	78,000.	June 1, 1925	54,000	2,000.	June 1, 1939-51				
					3,000.	June 1, 1962-60				
147	School—West 8th Street .....	430,000.	June 1, 1927	280,000.	1,000.	June 1, 1961	4½	2,000.00	1,215.00	1,170.00
					15,000.	June 1, 1939-45				
					20,000.	June 1, 1946-53				
					15,000.	June 1, 1954				
153	Maxson School Addition .....	95,000.	Dec. 1, 1927	45,000.	5,000.	Dec. 1, 1939-47	4½	15,000.00	5,950.00	5,631.25
								5,000.00	956.25	956.25

167	Emerson & High School .....	537,000.	June 1, 1929	312,000.	25,000. 30,000. 22,000.	June 1, 1939-40 June 1, 1941-48 June 1, 1949 June 1, 1939-41 May 1, 1939-41 Dec. 1, 1939-44 Dec. 1, 1945-46 Dec. 1, 1947-48 Dec. 1, 1949-51 Dec. 1, 1952-57 Dec. 1, 1958 Dec. 1, 1959	5 3½ 3½	25,000.00 5,000.00 5,000.00	7,800.00 262.50 262.50	7,175.00 175.00 175.00
264	High School Addition .....	25,000.	June 1, 1936	15,000.	5,000.					
265	High School Addition .....	20,000.	May 1, 1937	15,000.	5,000.					
291	Schools, Leland Ave. & Farrugut Rd. ....	275,000.	Dec. 1, 1938	275,000.	11,000. 12,000. 13,000. 14,000. 15,000. 16,000. 11,000.					
							2.2	11,000.00	3,025.00	3,025.00
								103,000.00	32,878.75	31,242.50

Total School Serial Bonds

GENERAL TERM BONDS

75	Sewer—4th Issue .....	43,000.	Nov. 1, 1909	24,000.	6,000.	Nov. 1, 1939-42	4	6,000.00	480.00	480.00
16	Sewer—5th Issue .....	92,000.	Nov. 1, 1914	22,000	5,000. 2,000.	Nov. 1, 1939-42 Nov. 1, 1943	5	5,000.00	550.00	550.00
								11,000.00	1,030.00	1,030.00

Total General Term Bonds

GENERAL SERIAL BONDS

58	Sewer—3rd Issue .....	68,000.	May 1, 1907	6,000.	2,000.	May 1, 1939-41	4½	2,000.00	135.00	90.00
63	Sewer—6th Issue .....	216,000.	Dec. 1, 1919	102,000.	6,000.	Dec. 1, 1939-55	5	6,000.00	2,550.00	2,550.00
66	Joint Sewer—2nd Issue .....	75,000.	Apr. 1, 1914	5,000.	5,000.	Apr. 1, 1939	5	5,000.00	125.00	
73	Joint Sewer—3rd Issue .....	145,000.	Apr. 1, 1914	145,000.	14,000. 15,000. 11,000.	Apr. 1, 1940-42 Apr. 1, 1943 Apr. 1, 1944-50 Apr. 1, 1951 Apr. 1, 1951	4½	None	3,262.50	3,262.50
75	Joint Sewer—4th Issue .....	36,000.	Apr. 1, 1914	36,000.	4,000. Apr. 1, 1891	Apr. 1, 1891-53 Apr. 1, 1894	5	None	900.00	900.00
83	City Hall .....	200,000.	Dec. 1, 1919	110,000.	2,000. 5,000.	Dec. 1, 1894-48 Dec. 1, 1849-58	5	5,000.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
87	General Improvement .....	117,000.	July 1, 1924	56,000.	6,000.	July 1, 1839-48	4½	5,000.00	1,260.00	1,147.50
90	Municipal Improvement .....	97,000.	July 1, 1924	14,000.	7,000.	July 1, 1839-40	4½	7,000.00	315.00	157.50
99	Public Improvements .....	300,000.	Nov. 1, 1924	202,000.	10,000. 2,000.	Nov. 1, 1839-58 Nov. 1, 1859	4½	10,000.00	4,545.00	4,545.00
132	General Improvement .....	559,000.	June 1, 1926	369,000.	20,000. 22,000. 15,000.	June 1, 1839-48 June 1, 1849-55 June 1, 1856-50	4½	20,000.00	8,302.50	7,852.50
190	Public Improvement .....	719,000.	June 1, 1929	539,000.	20,000. 25,000.	June 1, 1939-50 June 1, 1851-61	4¾	20,000.00	12,801.25	12,326.25
218	Public Improvement .....	589,000.	June 1, 1930	429,000.	24,000. 20,000. 25,000. 14,000.	June 1, 1939-50 June 1, 1851-57 June 1, 1958	4½	20,000.00	9,652.50	9,202.50

242	Emergency Relief .....	174,000.	Feb. 1, 1934	114,000.	20,000.	Feb. 1, 1939-40			
					25,000.	Feb. 1, 1941-42			
258	Drainage and Sewer .....	495,000.	Feb. 1, 1934	450,000.	24,000.	Feb. 1, 1943	4 3/4	20,000.00	2,707.50
					15,000.	Feb. 1, 1939-43			
261	General Public Improvement—P.W.A. .....	117,000.	Mar. 1, 1934	78,000.	20,000.	Feb. 1, 1944-61			
					15,000.	Feb. 1, 1962	4 3/4	15,000.00	10,687.50
					8,000.	Mar. 1, 1939-43			
					10,000.	Mar. 1, 1944			
					8,000.	Mar. 1, 1945			
					9,000.	Mar. 1, 1946-47			
					2,000.	Mar. 1, 1948	4	8,000.00	1,560.00
266	Fire Apparatus .....	6,000.	Dec. 1, 1937	4,000.	1,000.	Dec. 1, 1939-42	3 1/2	1,000.00	70.00
267	Storm Sewers .....	13,000.	Dec. 1, 1937	12,000.	1,000.	Dec. 1, 1939-50	3 1/2	1,000.00	210.00
269	Joint Sewer .....	37,000.	Dec. 1, 1937	34,000.	3,000.	Dec. 1, 1939-49			
					1,000.	Dec. 1, 1950	3 1/2	3,000.00	595.00
270	Street Paving E. 5th St. ....	19,000.	Dec. 1, 1937	17,000.	2,000.	Dec. 1, 1939-46			
282	Sewer Bonds .....	365,000.	Dec. 1, 1938	365,000.	1,000.	Dec. 1, 1947	3 1/2	2,000.00	297.50
					16,000.	Dec. 1, 1939			
					17,000.	Dec. 1, 1940-44			
					18,000.	Dec. 1, 1945-52			
					20,000.	Dec. 1, 1953-58	2.2	16,000.00	4,015.00
	Total General Serial Bonds .....			3,087,000.				166,000.00	66,741.25
									63,935.00
227	Public Improvement Assessment .....	443,000.	June 1, 1930	66,000.	35,000.	June 1, 1939			
	Assessment Serial Notes .....	10,235.35	June 1, 1938	10,235.35	31,000.	June 1, 1940	4 1/2	35,000.00	1,485.00
			Dec. 1, 1938						
						June 1, 1939			
						June 1, 1940			
						June 1, 1941			
						June 1, 1942	3 1/2	2,808.77	179.12
								37,808.77	1,664.12
	Total Assessment Bonds and Notes ....			76,235.35					129.97
									827.47



# 1939 APPROPRIATIONS

## SUMMARY

SUMMARY						
	Amount Outstanding Dec. 31, 1938	For Principal		For Interest		Total Interest
		General Appropriation	Appropriation for Dedicated Revenue Purposes	1st Half	2nd Half	
School Term Bonds .....	198,000.00		None	4,422.50	4,422.50	8,845.00
School Serial Bonds .....	1,587,000.00	103,000.00		32,878.75	31,242.50	64,121.25
Total School .....	1,785,000.00	103,000.00		37,301.25	35,665.00	72,966.25
General Term Bonds .....	46,000.00		11,000.00	1,030.00	1,030.00	2,060.00
General Serial Bonds .....	3,087,000.00	166,000.00		66,741.25	63,935.00	130,676.25
Total General .....	3,133,000.00	166,000.00	11,000.00	67,771.25	64,965.00	132,736.25
Assessment Bonds and Serial Notes .....	76,235.35		37,808.77	1,664.12	827.47	2,491.59
Total Assessment .....	76,235.35		37,808.77	1,664.12	827.47	2,491.59
Grand Total .....	4,994,235.35	269,000.00	48,808.77	106,736.62	101,457.47	208,194.09

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION  
CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.

DECEMBER 31, 1938

ASSETS	1938	1937
Cash .....	1,633.61	2,024.76
Investments .....	175,534.62	186,457.66
	<u>177,168.23</u>	<u>188,482.42</u>

LIABILITIES

Sinking Fund Requirement as per law .....	122,556.08	
Less Bonds paid but not due until 1/1/39 .....	<u>7,000.00</u>	
	115,556.08	125,526.65
Local Improvement Account .....	55,509.45	58,259.39
Surplus .....	6,102.70	4,696.38
	<u>177,168.23</u>	<u>188,482.42</u>

RECEIPTS

Balance—January 1, 1938 .....		2,024.76
Interest .....	6,505.69	
U. S. Bonds Sold .....	33,500.00	
Premium on U. S. Bonds Sold .....	1,156.97	
City of Plainfield Bonds Matured .....	12,000.00	
City of Plainfield Notes Paid .....	64,407.66	
City of Plainfield Appropriation .....	1,773.09	
Assessment Funds from City .....	<u>38,362.75</u>	
		157,706.16
		<u>159,730.92</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Investments—City of Plainfield Notes .....	98,984.62	
Paid City of Plainfield for Maturing Bonds .....	11,000.00	
Paid City of Plainfield for Bonds due 1/1/39 .....	7,000.00	
Assessment Funds Returned to City .....	<u>41,112.69</u>	
		158,097.31
		<u>1,633.61</u>

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1938 .....

SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS

Cash .....	1,633.61	
City of Plainfield Bonds (Par) .....	112,000.00	
U. S. Bonds (Par) .....	20,000.00	
City of Plainfield Notes .....	<u>43,543.62</u>	
		<u>177,168.23</u>

SINKING FUND COMMISSION, CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.  
ARTHUR E. CRONE, Secretary-Treasurer

# REPORT OF THE PENSION COMMISSION

## PENSION COMMISSION, CITY OF PLAINFIELD

### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT, DECEMBER 31, 1938

#### RECEIPTS

Cash Balance—January 1, 1938 .....		\$5,693.42
City of Plainfield—Salary Percentages .....	12,701.60	
City of Plainfield—Appropriation .....	11,722.99	
Interest—Mortgages .....	1,748.92	
Mortgage Participation Certificates .....	960.00	
U. S. and Municipal Bonds and Notes .....	2,292.83	5,001.75
Tax from Insurance Companies .....	2,270.52	
Rent .....	720.00	
Donations .....	95.00	
Fines .....	103.06	
City of Plainfield Notes Paid .....	29,000.00	
Mortgage Reductions .....	682.00	
City of Plainfield Bonds Matured .....	1,000.00	
Union County Bonds Matured .....	6,000.00	
Incidentals .....	22.10	69,319.02
		<hr/> 75,012.44

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Police and Fire Pensions .....	19,466.04*	
Printing, Postage and Sundry Expense .....	47.50	
Safe Deposit Box Rental .....	30.00	
Real Estate Expense—Taxes .....	515.60	
Insurance .....	51.51	
Maintenance .....	30.24	
Rental Commission .....	36.00	
Foreclosure .....	399.17	1,032.52
City of Plainfield Notes Purchased .....	35,234.56	
City of Plainfield Bonds Purchased .....	3,000.00	
Premium on these Bonds .....	706.90	
Accrued Interest on these Bonds .....	48.75	
Fines Returned to City .....	125.00	59,691.27
Cash Balance—December 31, 1938 .....		<hr/> 15,321.17

#### VALUE OF PENSION FUND

Cash .....	15,321.17	
Mortgages .....	28,348.00	
Mortgage Participation Certificates .....	32,000.00	
Real Estate Owned (at Original Mortgage Cost) .....	10,440.00	
City of Plainfield Notes .....	6,234.56	
U. S. and Municipal Bonds at par (see below) .....	60,500.00†	
Value of Pension Fund December 31, 1938 .....		152,843.73
Value of Pension Fund December 31, 1937 .....		141,663.42
Gain for 1938 .....		<hr/> 11,180.31

#### \*MEMORANDUM OF INVESTMENTS

Bonds		Book Value as above	Cost	Approximate Annual Yield	Market Value Dec. 31, 1938
U. S. Treasury—2¾% due 1951 .....		12,500.00	12,532.81	2.75%	13,203.12
2¾% due 1954 .....		10,000.00	9,959.38	2.75%	10,412.50
3% due 1948 .....		5,000.00	5,134.37	2.75%	5,434.37
3% due 1955 .....		12,000.00	12,438.75	2.85%	12,855.00
3½% due 1952 .....		5,000.00	5,179.69	2.85%	5,450.00
City of Plainfield—3½% due 1939-1950 .....		12,000.00	12,000.00	3.50%	12,600.00
4½% due 1956-1957 .....		3,000.00	3,706.90	2.85%	3,706.90
5% due 1946 .....		1,000.00	970.96	5.30%	1,150.00
		<hr/> 60,500.00	<hr/> 61,922.86		<hr/> 64,811.89

The bonds of the Pension Commission are purchased for investment, and with the probability of being held to maturity. As nearly all bonds are purchased at a premium but are carried at par value, the premium is absorbed into the Expense Account. Should a bond be purchased for less than par, the book value is increased to par and any difference credited as income. This method is approved by the State Department and avoids a yearly amortization of premium on bonds from the date of purchase to the date of maturity.

The yield is figured on the cost at the time of purchase, to maturity.

The market value is shown as of the date of this report and may fluctuate according to financial conditions.

\*List of Pensions Paid in 1938



Ferdinand Bader .....	1,144.80	
Mary Birmingham .....	1,000.00	
Maurice P. Daley .....	1,015.20	
George Feiring .....	1,450.00	
Thomas Flatley .....	1,140.00	
Charles A. Flynn .....	924.00	
Julia M. Flynn .....	1,000.00	
Anna Frederickson .....	661.44	
Hannah H. Gaub .....	950.00	
Alice F. Kelly .....	1,000.00	
Mary L. Kiely .....	1,000.00	
Meta M. McAvoy .....	1,000.00	
John Merighi .....	1,125.00	
Octavia A. Myers .....	550.00	
Dennis F. O'Keeffe .....	1,200.00	
Andrew L. Saffron .....	939.60	
James A. Saunders .....	600.00	
Nora Sweeney .....	550.00	
John P. Townley .....	1,216.00	
Mary L. Vail .....	1,000.00	19,466.04

ARTHUR E. CRONE  
Treasurer

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1938

1932 Taxes, Personal .....	9.55	
1933 Taxes, Personal .....	57.47	
1934 Taxes, Personal .....	1,092.76	
1935 Taxes, Personal .....	1,637.83	
1936 Taxes, Personal .....	5,707.78	
1937 Taxes, Real and Personal .....	484,762.13	
1938 Taxes, Real and Personal .....	2,089,791.54	
1938 Taxes, Bank Stock .....	1,235.72	
1938 Taxes, Franchise .....	48,749.95	
1938 Taxes, Gross Receipts .....	17,915.00	
Tax Title Liens .....	18,484.01	
2nd Class R.R. Tax .....	7,728.26	
Chapter 109—P.L. 1933 .....	306.45	2,677,478.45
Snow and Ice Removal .....	151.21	151.21
Interest on Taxes .....	45,379.63	
Interest on Assessments .....	2,163.70	
Search Fees .....	1,033.50	48,576.83
Assessments .....	29,470.43	29,470.43
Collection Fees .....	1,009.59	1,009.59

### OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

1937 Taxes, Real Estate .....	.60	
1938 Taxes, Real and Personal .....	5,854.66	
	5,855.26	
Less Refund of—		
Overpayments .....	5,811.24	44.02
		2,756,730.53

JOHN C. DILTS,  
Collector of Taxes

Plainfield, N. J.  
March 20, 1939

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I am herewith presenting the report of the Assessors Department for the year 1938:

## STATEMENT OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD as of October 1, 1938 for the year 1939

Value of land (without improvements) .....	18,123,250
Value of Improvements .....	35,103,575
Total Value of Real Estate (Exclusive of Second Class Railroad Property) .....	53,226,825
Value of Second Class Railroad Property .....	303,069
Value of Personal Property (Exclusive of personal property of Street Railroad, Gas, Electric Light, Heat, and Power Companies) .....	6,710,100
<b>TOTAL GROSS VALUATIONS .....</b>	<b>60,239,994</b>

### DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

Household Goods (Exempted to a valuation of \$100.00 (Chap. 236, P.L. 1918) .....	623,400
Property Exempted under Chap. 7, P.L. 1919 (Soldiers, Sailors, Veterans, etc.) .....	
Real Estate .....	107,600
Personal .....	235,000
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS .....</b>	<b>966,000</b>
<b>NET VALUATION TAXABLE AT LOCAL RATE .....</b>	<b>59,273,994</b>

Number of Acres Assessed .....	352.20		
Number of Lots Assessed .....	28,511		
New Buildings Assessed .....		343,150	
Construction Demolished or Destroyed .....		39,250	
<b>EXEMPT PROPERTY</b>	<b>Land</b>	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Total</b>
Public Schools .....	207,500	1,740,000	1,947,500
Other Schools .....	11,600	243,800	255,400
Public Property .....	537,800	389,750	927,550
Churches and Charitable Property .....	482,950	2,227,750	2,710,700
Cemeteries and Graveyards .....	46,900	1,000	47,900
Other Exemptions (U. S. Government and State Properties) .....	113,100	110,000	223,100
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT ON EXEMPT PROPERTY</b>	<b>1,399,850</b>	<b>4,712,300</b>	<b>6,112,150</b>

### CLASSIFICATION OF REAL ESTATE TAXABLE RATABLES IN 1939 (Exclusive of Second Class Railways)

	Land	%	Buildings	%	Total	%
Residential .....	11,716,625	.646	26,725,150	.763	38,441,775	.724
Business .....	5,899,800	.326	6,466,850	.185	12,366,650	.233
Industrial .....	267,300	.015	1,551,700	.045	1,819,000	.034
Utilities .....	239,525	.013	254,975	.007	494,500	.009
	18,123,250	1.000	34,998,675	1.000	53,121,925	1.000

### NET VALUATION TAXABLE AT LOCAL RATE—1927 to 1939 Inclusive

Year	Valuation	Increase or Decrease
1927	53,613,472	
1928	55,815,627	2,197,155 Increase
1929	59,491,932	3,676,305 "
1930	62,023,911	2,531,979 "
1931	63,086,310	1,062,399 "
1932	63,304,180	217,870 "
1933	62,901,958	402,222 Decrease
1934	61,223,483	1,678,475 "
1935	60,530,483	693,000 "
1936	60,172,237	358,246 "
1937	60,195,262	23,025 Increase
1938	60,242,944	47,682 "
1939	59,273,994	968,950 Decrease
Net Increase for twelve years		5,655,522
Average Increase per year		471,293

# ANALYSIS BY WARDS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR 1939

Ward	Land	Buildings	Personal	Total
1	4,647,575	6,147,775	1,828,225	12,623,575
2	5,548,275	12,197,350	1,897,900	19,643,525
3	3,790,200	8,566,800	630,725	12,987,725
4	4,137,200	8,084,050	1,494,850	13,716,100
	18,123,250	34,995,975	5,851,700	58,970,925
		Plus 2nd Class Railroad Tax		303,069

59,273,994

## MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The analysis of the total Residential property valuations of \$38,441,775 or 73.1% of the total Real Estate ratables, is divided into the following classifications:

Single Dwellings occupied by Owner .....	3,567	.634%
2, 3 and 4 family apartment dwellings occupied by Owner .....	191	.034%
Dwellings and Apartments occupied by Tenants .....	1,826	.324%
Apartment houses of more than 4 Apartments each .....	46	.008%

TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLINGS ..... 5,630 1.00%

The area of the City of Plainfield in square miles is 6.25.

The total number of Real Estate Assessments is 10,025.

The total number of unimproved Assessments is 3,512. Included in the unimproved Assessments are acreage assessments of approximately 362 Acres.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY W. FARLEY,  
Clerk, Board of Assessors

# REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 1, 1939

To the Honorable, The Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present to you the Annual Report of the Police Department for the year ending, December 31, 1938.

## MANUAL FORCE

0	Chief
1	Captain, Acting Chief of Police
0	Lieutenant
2	Detective Sergeants
6	Sergeants
1	Detective
43	Class A. Patrolmen
0	Class B. Patrolmen.
1	Class C. Patrolmen.
2	Class D. Patrolmen.
2	Class E. Patrolmen.
0	Probationary Patrolmen.
1	Special
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59	
5	men short to make full quota.
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64	

## OFFICE FORCE

1	Department Clerk and Secretary.
2	Assistants.
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3	Total.

## MISCELLANEOUS FORCE

1	Matron
1	Cleaner.
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2	Total

## ARRESTS

Number of arrests for the year .....		1,321
Comprising Males (White) .....	815	
Comprising Males (Colored) .....	388	
Comprising Males (Yellow) .....	2	1,205
Comprising Females (White) .....	69	
Comprising Females (Colored) .....	47	116
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Automobile Summonses .....	1,321	
Dog Summonses .....	3,678	
Miscellaneous Summonses .....	365	
	77	4,120
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Grand Total of Arrests and Summonses .....		5,441

## AGES OF PRISONERS

Male		Female	
16 to 20 .....	206	16 to 20 .....	20
21 to 30 .....	421	21 to 30 .....	46
31 to 40 .....	296	31 to 40 .....	29
41 to 50 .....	165	41 to 50 .....	11
51 to 60 .....	81	51 to 60 .....	9
61 to 70 .....	31	61 to 70 .....	1
71 to 80 .....	4		
81 to 90 .....	1		116
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Total .....			1,321

## MAINTENANCE OF PRISONERS

Costs of serving meals to prisoners .....	780.00
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## NATIVITY OF PRISONERS

Afro-American .....	434	Hungarian .....	3
American .....	730	Irish .....	29
Austrian .....	11	Italian .....	49
Bermudian .....	1	Lithuanian .....	1
Canadian .....	3	Norwegian .....	2
Chinese .....	2	Polish .....	8
Czecho-Slovakian .....	2	Roumanian .....	3
Danish .....	1	Russian .....	6
Dutch or Hollander .....	2	Scotch .....	5
English .....	2	Spanish .....	2
French .....	1	Swedish .....	5
German .....	13	Turkish .....	1
Greek .....	5		

Total Arrests .....	1,321
Total Summonses .....	4,120
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Grand Total .....	5,441



## RADIO DIVISION

Alarms answered by men in Radio cars .....	5,248
Special Duty Calls .....	2,999
Arrests by men in radio cars .....	776
Summonses issued by men in radio cars .....	1,826
Accidents investigated by radio cars .....	401
Ambulance Service Calls .....	173
	11,423

## DIVISION OF IDENTIFICATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Pistol Permit Applicants Fingerprinted. (5 prints each.) .....	43
Canvassers Fingerprinted .....	868
Investigations for other authorities .....	30
Non-Criminal Fingerprints taken .....	776
Criminal Fingerprints taken (3 each) .....	448
Total .....	2,165
<b>Photography:</b>	
Photographic Copy Work .....	128
Crime Scenes Photographed .....	116
Persons Photographed .....	416
Total .....	660

## ACCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

	Total	Fatal	Non-fatal	P.D.
Total Accidents .....	432	6	138	288
Sunday .....	64	1	18	45
Monday .....	49		19	30
Tuesday .....	43	1	14	28
Wednesday .....	59		10	49
Thursday .....	72	2	23	47
Friday .....	57	1	22	34
Saturday .....	88	1	32	55

## School Safety Patrol

Safety patrols are functioning successfully in twelve public schools, one high school, and two parochial schools. The Plainfield High School has its own patrol system. Junior Safety Councils and safety clubs are functioning in all our schools. The patrol members are the executive body of the Council and clubs, and delegates from the various class rooms attend the meetings at which time they discuss their safety problems and receive safety instructions to carry to their class mates.

Violations of safety are reported to each class room teacher and serious violations are brought before the student safety council. All schools are working under a set of standards for patrols as set down by the Plainfield Area Safety Council, and has been approved by the National Safety Council. The patrol chiefs report weekly in regard to their activities and any problems that they may have by using the "Voice of Safety" car we are able to check each patrol daily while they are on duty thus keeping the patrol up to standard. Safety pictures and plays are shown in all schools, and monthly Safety lessons and posters are supplied by the A. A. A. The teachers are also sent weekly Safety messages from the Accident Bureau.

On June 4th, 1938 our Fourth Annual Safety Patrol outing was held in Greenbrook Park, Plainfield, N. J. All safety patrols from the Plainfield area were invited to participate. The outing was held from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. with 540 patrol members present. All games and sports were under the direction of the Plainfield Recreation Commission. Refreshments were furnished by the Plainfield Area Safety Council represented by Mrs. Daniel Reifsnider. Sandwiches, milk, ice cream, and candy were supplied with plenty for each child.

All members of the Safety patrol who had served four months or more of satisfactory service, were awarded a certificate of service from the Plainfield Area Safety Council.

Safety patrols were operating in the following schools:

St. Bernard's School .....	8
St. Mary's School .....	17
Maxson School (Two Patrol System) .....	44
Bryant School (Two Patrol System) .....	12
Evergreen School .....	18
Franklin School .....	20
Stillman School .....	8
Whittier School .....	12
Hubbard School .....	27
Washington School (Two Patrol System) .....	14
Irving School (Two Patrol System) .....	30

Jefferson School .....	20
Emerson School .....	26
Lincoln School .....	12

Total Patrol Members ..... 248

The following school crossings were covered by Special Police officers who were paid by the City at the rate of \$.50 per hour for a three hour day.

Woodland Avenue & E. 7th Street .....	Maxson School
South Avenue & Richmond Street .....	Bryant School
Evergreen and Edgewood Avenues .....	Evergreen School
Park Avenue and Stelle Avenue .....	Evergreen School
Park Avenue and 9th Street (Reg. Policeman, mornings only) .....	High School
Madison Avenue and West 4th Street .....	Franklin-Whittier
Arlington Avenue and West 7th Street .....	Hartridge School
Liberty Street and West 5th Street (Regular Policeman) .....	St. Mary's School
Spooner Avenue and West 4th Street .....	Washington School
Clinton Avenue & South 2nd Street .....	Jefferson School
Clinton Avenue and West Front Street .....	Jefferson School

The number of hours worked and the cost of special officers is as follows:

From January 1st to December 31st, 1938 — 191 School Days.

5,099½ hours at \$.50 per hour ..... \$2,549.75

### Safety Education

During the year lectures on Safety were delivered to the following bodies:

Parent-Teachers Association .....	10
American Legion .....	1
Churches .....	5
Service Clubs .....	4
High Schools .....	4
Other Lodges .....	2
Public Service Transportation (Safety Meeting) .....	7
Y. M. C. A. ....	2
Boy Scouts .....	6
Girl Scouts .....	3
Out of town schools .....	7
Rutgers University (Traffic officers school) .....	3
Central R. R. of N. J. Safety Meeting .....	1
New Jersey First Aid Council .....	2
Elizabeth Police School .....	4
Assemblies of Public Schools .....	19

### Visits to Police Headquarters

Seven classes of school children made a tour of Headquarters — 252 of the children were fingerprinted for the citizen's file. Two troupes of boy scouts, 42 members and five troupes of girl scouts, 74 members were also fingerprinted for the citizen's file.

Traffic Survey work done by the Accident Bureau. Studies have been made of fifteen intersections and drawings made of same which were turned over to the Plainfield Area Safety Council for study.

### News-Boys

The system of licensing news-boys has worked out very satisfactorily and has been a big help in the control of street trades by children. Children selling papers on the street are identified by a "News-boy Badge" worn on their coats. Boys delivering papers to homes have an identification card with them. There is no charge for this license.

### Child Protection Bureau (Part of Safety Bureau)

Number of Juveniles handled in 1938 .....	23
Number of cases sent to Juvenile Court in 1938 .....	17
Ages of Boys—Juveniles, 10-11-12 13-14-15	
Ages of girl—Juveniles, 12-13	
Juveniles from foreign Parents .....	9
Juveniles from American Parents .....	5
Juveniles from Afro-Amer. Parents .....	9
Types of Crime:	
Thieryery .....	13
Incorrigibility .....	2
Miscellaneous .....	8

Many cases originating in Police Headquarters have been handled through the Child Guidance Council of Plainfield, N. J., and a big brother or sister has assisted in straightening them out.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

I respectfully submit to your Honorable Body my annual report of the Police Department of the City of Plainfield for the year ending December 31, 1938.

This Department installed a new two-way police radio system on Oc-

tober 13th, 1938, consisting of a main station and four squad cars which was necessitated by a ruling of the Federal Communications Commissions. The personnel of this branch of service consists of three Sergeants and twelve men. In order that every section of the City might be better protected at all hours, the City has been divided into eleven districts of which eight districts are covered by foot patrolmen and three districts by the radio division with a radio car in each district and one car kept in reserve. Each of these cars are equipped with a first aid kit, search light, fire extinguisher, night sticks, riot gun, and tear gas bombs. During the course of the past year radio patrolling has become a great necessity and without its operation little could be accomplished in the line of quick apprehension of criminals.

Our Safety Division has made a survey of the City with various recommendations made with a result gratifying to all concerned and more fully explained by the analysis set forth in this report. The personnel of this department consists of one patrolman assigned to this particular work and that of school traffic.

The Bureau of Identification and Photography has been greatly improved by the addition of up-to-date paraphernalia and the taking of non-criminal fingerprints established during the year of 1936 has continued since with gratifying results.

The Detective Bureau has had an especially busy year as more fully explained in this report. Our Department may well be a source of great satisfaction and civic pride to its citizens. In every branch of police endeavor the department has, during the past year, provided its greatest value in the prevention of crime and the apprehension of perpetrators of such law violations and infractions as were committed.

For the past few years our Department has been undermanned and I would respectfully recommend that five new men be secured for the purpose of bringing our quota up to standard, and that an additional three men be put on our payroll in order that we may better patrol the city. At the present time, particularly during the evening when the rush of commuters is on, two of our radio cars are completely tied up doing traffic duty. Should an emergency arise due to this particular condition, a delay in the proper discharge in our radio car duty might possibly mean the non-apprehension of a criminal. The employment of these replacement men and additional men would not only bring our quota up to standard, but would give this much needed protection to our citizens.

It is gratifying for me to be able to state that our city was, during the past year free from serious crimes. It more clearly shows that the men are filling their sworn duty to the citizens of the City and because of their whole hearted cooperation and law abiding conduct, Plainfield is fortunate in the absence of major crimes, and I trust that in years to come we shall not pass from this high esteem. My recommendations which I respectfully submit for your consideration and approval are few in number but important and trust they will be given serious consideration as they are necessary.

As in previous years it has been requested that traffic lights be installed at various intersections where a careful survey has demonstrated their necessity which are as follows:

At Watchung Avenue and East Second Street, to be synchronized with the light at East Front Street and Watchung Avenue; one at Watchung Avenue and East Fourth Street; one at West Front Street and Madison Avenue; one at Richmond Street and East Third Street; and one at Grant Avenue and West Fourth Street.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the Department has had a most successful year. The men entrusted with public safety in this city; the Mayor and members of the Common Council have been willing and eager to contribute towards the proper conduct of the Department and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing, to all, my thanks and appreciation for their support, and many acts of kindness extended during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LEORCH,  
Chief of Police

Dated: Plainfield, N. J., January 2nd, 1939.

## REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY COURT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my YEARLY REPORT for the  
YEAR, 1938, as follows:

Appealed Cases .....	2
Bond Forfeitures .....	18
Committed to County Jail .....	78
Committed to County Jail and License Revoked .....	12
Committed to Marlboro .....	13
Committed to Jamesburg .....	1
Committed to Veteran's Hospital, Millington .....	1
Dismissed .....	454
Fined .....	1,536
Fined and Licenses Revoked .....	23
Fined and Placed on Probation .....	14
For Other Authorities .....	100
Held for the Grand Jury .....	57
Licenses revoked only .....	3
Ordered to Support Family .....	12
Probation .....	16
Released on Bonds to appear at the Grand Jury .....	41
Released on Bonds to appear at the Grand Jury and License Revoked .....	2
Released on Bonds to appear at Other Authorities .....	2
Released without bonds to appear at Other Authorities .....	8
Sentence Suspended .....	3,868
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>5,761</b>
Cases Pending Disposition .....	112
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>5,873</b>

### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Cash .....	11,779.40
Bond Forfeitures .....	165.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>11,944.40</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Total Amount of fines turned over to Mr. Arthur A. Magee, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (Auto Violations) .....	205.00
Total Amount of Fines turned over to Mr. Arthur N. Pierson, County Treasurer for Motor Vehicle Violations .....	3,668.50
Total Amount of fines turned over to Mr. Arthur N. Pierson, County Treasurer for Weights and Measure Violations .....	75.00
Total Amount of fines turned over to Mr. Andrew J. Krog, Health Officer. (Board of Health Violations) .....	121.00
Total Amount of Fines and Collections turned over to Mr. Arthur E. Crone, City Treasurer, as follows:	

Fines .....	4,127.25	
Court Costs .....	3,278.65	
Permit Fees .....	458.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	6.00	7,867.90

#### Total Amount of Refunds as follows:

Margaretha E. Nielsen .....	1.50	
Alton B. Crampton .....	2.00	
Mary Smith .....	1.50	
Cornelius Murray .....	2.00	7.00

<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>11,944.40</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

S MONROE STAATS, Clerk,  
City Court of Plainfield

Dated: Plainfield, N. J., January 6, 1939.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1938

## Fire Committee 1938

Hugh B. Reed, II, Chairman  
John P. Romer  
Paul Fleming

## Board of Engineers

Chief of the Department ..... Wesley J. Dunn  
Deputy Chief ..... John P. Townley, Retired March 1, 1938  
Paul P. Adams, Appointed December 6, 1938  
Electrical Engineer ..... James F. Pearsall  
Clerk-Secretary ..... Raymond J. Myzie

## Report of the Chief of the Fire Department

Plainfield, N. J., January 1, 1939

To the Honorable, The Mayor and Common Council:  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1938 together with my recommendations for the year 1939.

The present personnel of this department is 61, divided as follows:

### Fire Fighting Force

1 Chief of Department  
1 Deputy Chief  
4 Captains  
4 Lieutenants  
43 Class "A" Privates  
1 Class "B" Private  
1 Class "C" Private  
2 Class "D" Privates  
.... Class "E" Private  
.... Probationary  
....  
57 Total Fire Fighting Force

### Division of Fire Alarm Telegraph

1 Superintendent  
2 Helpers  
....  
3 Total—Division of Fire Alarm Telegraph

### Office

1 Department Clerk & Secretary

The past year was a busy one for the Department having answered nineteen (19) more alarms in 1938 over the year 1937 and which were received as follows:

1938	1937	
370	377	Telephone Alarms
4	6	Telephone and Box Alarms
62	41	Box Alarms
17	10	Verbal Alarms
453	434	Total Number of Alarms
....	....	Second Alarms

The total losses for 1938, including buildings and contents, amounted to \$31,613.29 on which there was insurance carried in the amount of \$691,550.00 making an excess insurance over loss of \$659,936.71.

Comparing the 1938 fire losses on buildings and contents of \$31,613.29 with the 1937 fire losses of \$47,955.67 shows a decrease of \$16,342.38 in fire losses on buildings and contents in 1938 over the year 1937 also in comparing the 1938 loss with the 1936 loss of \$66,097.32 shows a decrease of \$34,484.03 in 1938 over the year 1936 on which I am pleased to report.

The classification of fire losses and insurance carried for year 1938 is as follows:

	Buildings	Contents	Total
Total value of property involved .....	\$710,600.00	\$77,600.00	\$788,200.00
Total insurance of property .....	622,900.00	68,650.00	691,550.00
Total losses .....	19,618.57	11,994.72	31,613.29
Total exposure losses .....	None	None	None

I also report that there were no lives lost during 1938 as the result of fires.

#### CAUSES OF FIRES AND ALARMS

##### Fires resulting from:

Unknown	30
Smoking	7
Careless Workmen	5
Children and Matches	0
Gasoline	0
Fuel Oil Burners	12
Overheated Stoves, Furnaces and Smoke-pipes	28
Broken or Defective Gas and Electrical Fixtures	6
Defective flue, Smoke-pipe and Soot	12
Electric Motors	9
Fire Works	0
Explosions	7
Lightning	3
Hot Ashes	3
Sparks from Chimneys, Stoves or Locomotives	11
Spontaneous Combustion	0

Total Number ..... 133

##### Fires resulting from other causes:

Woods, Grass, Brush or Bon Fires	190
Automobiles—Short Circuits, back-fires, etc.	62

Total Number ..... 252

##### Other Alarms:

Drownings	4	False Alarms	13
Ammonia and Gas Leaks	3	Floods	7
Overcome by gas etc.	8	Miscellaneous	23
Smoke Scares	10		

Total Number ..... 68

Grand Total of Fires and Alarms ..... 453

#### DUTY

Beat Out	95
Beat Out and Chemicals	23
Beat Out and Pails of Water	3
Chemicals	95
Chemicals and Hydrant Streams	6
Chemicals and Booster Tanks	2
Booster Tanks	5
Garden Hose	4
Hydrant Streams	51
Engine Streams (Pumping water out of cellars caused by floods)	5
Pails of Water	5
Ladders	11
Inhalator	8
Gas Masks	2
Boat—Grappling Hooks	5
False Alarms	13
Out on Arrival or No Duty	120

Total Duty ..... 453

#### OUT OF CITY ALARMS

North Plainfield (Somerset County)	2
South Plainfield (Middlesex County)	1

Total Out of City Alarms ..... 3

#### MATERIALS USED

28,400	feet of 2½ inch hose
72	Lines of hose laid
865	gallons of chemicals
1,430	feet of ladders
20	hours—Engines worked (pumping water out of cellars caused by floods)
20	tanks of oxygen
7	Booster tanks
1	hour flood light with generator
10	minutes gas masks
5	times boat

#### Companies and Apparatus

##### Fire Headquarters

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street, telephones Plainfield 6-1500, 1501, 1502, and 1503.

1 Chief's Car (1939 Buick Coupe)

1 Deputy Chief's Car (1939 Plymouth Coupe)

##### Engine Company No. 1

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street, an automobile triple combination chemical, hose and 750 gallon capacity pump. (American LaFrance)

### **Engine Company No. 2**

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street, an automobile triple combination chemical, hose and 1,000 gallon capacity pump. (American LaFrance)

### **Supply Truck**

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street an automobile 1½ ton supply truck. (Chevrolet)

### **Engine Company No. 5**

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street an automobile triple combination chemical, hose and 1,000 gallon capacity pump. (Mack)

### **Truck Company No. 1**

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street an automobile 75 foot Aerial Truck. (American LaFrance)

### **Squad Company No. 1**

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street an automobile service car. (Reo)

### **Fire Alarm Repair Car**

Located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street an automobile service truck. (Mack)

### **Engine Company No. 3**

Located at 730-732 West Fourth Street, an automobile triple combination chemical, hose and 1,000 gallon capacity pump. (American LaFrance)

### **Truck Company No. 3**

Located at Fire Headquarters, Central Avenue and West Fourth Street, an automobile city service truck. (Mack)

### **Engine Company No. 4**

Located at 1015-1017 South Avenue, an automobile combination booster, hose and 750 gallon capacity Pump. (Mack)

### **Truck Company No. 4**

Located at 730-732 West Fourth Street, an automobile City Service Truck. (Mack)

### **Fire Alarm Telegraph Car**

Located at 906 Leland Avenue, an automobile coupe. (Chevrolet)

### **Hose**

We have, in service, 12,200 feet of good hose.

### **Hydrants**

There is a total of 560 hydrants within the City Limits and 4 just over the City Line which makes a grand total of 564 hydrants.

### **Fire Alarm Telegraph System**

The system is of the Gamewell Type with 96 fire alarm boxes, 13 of which are private. During the year 4 boxes were changed from the old type to the new three-fold type with quick action doors. There is approximately 56½ miles of overhead wires. A 15 inch gong is located in each of the outside Fire Stations, an 18 inch gong with three 10 inch tappers and one 6 inch tapper at Fire Headquarters, one 12 inch gong at Police Headquarters and 6 inch tappers are located at the Electric and Gas Company's plants and other places of importance. One 10' circuit automatic repeater, one 12 circuit switch-board with instruments mounted on it for testing and recharging of batteries, one house circuit and one local battery circuit in Headquarters, and 6 outside circuits are in use. One alarm transmitter and four alarm registers with paper take-up reels are installed in the various Fire Stations. There are four 60 inch battery racks with 113 cells for operating the Alarm System and one 12 Circuit protector board. One Sterling 5 horsepower electric siren and one remote control switch. There are eight rectifiers. Installed

at Fire Headquarters is a telephone switch board with four trunk lines, eleven extensions. Three of the extensions are direct lines—one to No. 3 Fire Station, one to No. 4 Fire Station and one to Police Headquarters.

### **Police Alarm System**

The system is of the Gamewell Type with ten Standard Police Boxes with recall lights and horns, one of which is private and nine of which are located on pedestals. By order of the 1935 Police Board, six police boxes which were located on poles have been removed, eleven police boxes located on poles are out of service but have not been removed and four police boxes which were located on pedestals have been removed. There is about 40 miles of overhead wires and about 1¼ miles of underground cable which is used jointly with the Fire Alarm Telegraph System. The following Gamewell equipment is installed at Fire Headquarters: one (1) 60 inch battery rack with 54 two-volt cells and two (2) rectifiers. The following equipment is installed at police Headquarters: a switchboard with a time clock stamp, a four-circuit punching machine and a telephone for making calls to Police boxes.

### **Police Radio**

The Fire and Police Signal System has charge of the maintenance and inspection of the Police Radio. During 1938 a new two-way Police Radio was installed consisting of a main station together with units in four squad cars. This radio replaced the one installed during 1934. Also installed during 1938 was one receiving unit in the Fire Chief's Buick.

### **Traffic Signal System**

There are traffic lights at seventeen (17) intersections also one (1) all red traffic signal and bell which light is manually operated from Fire Headquarters. During 1938 a traffic light was installed at the corner of South Avenue and Terrill Road. This installation was made by the State Highway Department with the cost of equipment and installation borne 50% by the State of New Jersey and 25% by each the Borough of Fanwood and the City of Plainfield.

### **Inspection of Buildings**

960 inspections of business and factory buildings were made throughout the City during the year 1938. These inspections were made by the members of this Department while on their "off shift."

### **Special Assignments**

616 special assignments were made during the year 1938 such as theatre details etc. These details also were made by the members of this department on their "off shift."

### **Recommendations**

I recommend the purchase of 1,000 feet of 2½ inch cotton, rubber lined and wax and gum treated fire hose.

I recommend the purchase of four (4) new Non-Interfering Fire Alarm boxes and the replacement of one (1) old type box with the new type.

I recommend that eight (8) additional men be added to the fire fighting force.

I recommend the purchase of one truck chassis. This chassis to replace the one now out of service at the South Avenue Station. The equipment on the truck now out of service to be transferred to the new chassis.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge my appreciation of the cooperation received from the Mayor, Common Council, various Department Heads of the City, members of this department, the Press of the City of Plainfield and of the Fire Committee composed of the following members of the Common Council: Mr. Hugh Reed, II, Chairman; Mr. John P. Romer; and Mr. Paul Fleming.

Respectfully submitted,

WESLEY J. DUNN, Chief,  
Plainfield Fire Department



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK, 1938

To the Honorable Common Council  
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit herewith, my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1938, of fees collected for licenses, etc., issued by this office, as follows:

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE

		Fish & Game Commission	City Treasurer
2739	Dog Licenses .....	@ \$ 2.50	6,847.50
54	Duplicate Dog Tags .....	.50	27.00
5	Kennel Licenses .....	10.00	50.00
24	Kennel Tags .....	.25	6.00
9	Resident Hunting and Fishing Licenses .....	3.10	.90
18	Resident Fishing Licenses .....	2.10	1.80
23	Resident Hunting Licenses .....	2.10	2.30
5	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses .....	5.50	2.50
1	Non-Resident & Alien Hunting & Fishing License .....	10.50	.50
27	Hack Licenses .....	10.50	283.50
32	Driver Licenses .....	1.50	48.00
53	Truckman Licenses .....	10.50	556.50
49	Cartman Licenses .....	10.50	514.50
11	Cartman Licenses .....	5.50	60.50
46	Peddler Licenses .....	25.50	1,173.00
3	Peddler with Cart Licenses .....	20.50	61.50
2	Peddler on Foot Licenses .....	15.50	31.00
16	Junk Licenses .....	26.00	416.00
2	Junk Yard Licenses .....	50.00	100.00
5	Auctioneer Licenses .....	25.50	127.50
57	Bagatelle Licenses .....	15.00	855.00
14	Sound Truck Licenses .....	5.00	70.00
10	Pool Tables .....	5.00	50.00
2	Circus Licenses .....	75.00	150.00
1	Circus License .....	50.00	50.00
4	Theatre Licenses (per seat) .....	.25	
	Liberty .....		254.50
	Oxford .....		409.75
	Strand .....		441.25
	Paramount .....		285.50
140	Entertainment Licenses .....	1.00	140.00
61	Entertainment Licenses .....	2.00	122.00
13	Entertainment Licenses .....	3.00	39.00
1	Entertainment License .....	4.00	4.00
2	Entertainment Licenses .....	5.00	10.00
1	Entertainment License .....	8.00	8.00
1	Entertainment License .....	9.00	9.00
5	Entertainment Licenses .....	10.00	50.00
1	Entertainment License .....	11.00	11.00
1	Entertainment License .....	12.50	12.50
1	Entertainment License .....	15.00	15.00
12	Entertainment Licenses .....	17.00	204.00
1	Entertainment License .....	17.50	17.50
	Miscellaneous .....		8.40
		2.15	
		<u>\$146.15</u>	<u>\$13,526.90</u>
Total amount collected during the year 1938 .....			\$13,673.05
Amount turned over to the Fish and Game Commission .....			146.15
Amount collected for the City (exclusive of liquor license fees) .....			13,526.90
			\$13,673.05

## LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

(Turned over to City Treasurer upon receipt)

17	Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses .....	@ \$1,000.00	\$17,000.00
14	Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses .....	500.00	7,000.00
11	Club Licenses .....	150.00	1,650.00
1	Club License granted March 7, 1938 .....		47.25
	Fee for transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. C11 .....		5.00
	Fee for transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. C14 .....		55.00
	Fee for transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. C2 .....		100.00
			<u>\$25,857.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRED TOEGEL, City Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER  
STREET AND SEWER DEPARTMENT — 1938

December 31, 1938

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council,  
City of Plainfield, New Jersey  
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the Annual Report of the Street and Sewer Department for the year 1938.

Construction program for the year consisted of the following projects:

1. Completion of the underground structures and appurtenances of Cedar Brook Storm Sewer conduit from a point in North Avenue east of Berckman Street, through right-of-way to Johnston Avenue; in Johnston Avenue to East Third Street and in East Third Street from Johnston Avenue to Terrill Road.

2. Storm Sewer in Evergreen Avenue from Park Avenue to Hillside Avenue.

3. Storm Sewer in Martine Avenue from Park Avenue to Woodland Avenue; in Woodland Avenue from Martine Avenue to Evergreen Avenue and in Virginia Avenue from Martine Avenue to Evergreen Avenue.

4. Storm and Sanitary Sewers in Thornton Avenue from Park Avenue to Hillside Avenue. Storm Sewer in Hillside Avenue from Marlborough Avenue to Martine Avenue.

5. Storm Sewer in West Fifth Street from Munroe Avenue to Prescott Place.

6. Storm Sewer in Lee Place from West Fourth Street to West Sixth Street.

7. Storm Sewer in Loraine Avenue from Osborne Avenue to Denmark Road and in Denmark Road from Loraine Avenue to Fernwood Avenue.

8. Sanitary Sewer in East Seventh Street from Richmond Street to Central Street.

9. Storm Sewer in Plainfield Avenue from Huntington Avenue to West Eighth Street.

10. Paving Bradford Street at Ransome Place.

11. Paving of Parkside Road east of Kenyon Avenue.

12. Paving of Hollywood Avenue from Brentwood Terrace to Hazelwood Terrace.

13. Sanitary Sewers in Remington Avenue; Lakeview Terrace and Parkside Road.

All of the above mentioned projects were constructed in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration. The Works Progress Administration furnished all labor and a portion of the materials used. The City furnished a large portion of the materials, all engineering, equipment and inspection.

The City's share of the cost of construction for Projects 1 to 9 inclusive was appropriated by the passage of General Improvement Ordinances and the money provided by Bond Issue. Projects 10 to 13 inclusive were financed by Local Improvement Ordinances and the amount financed by the City was assessed against the abutting properties.

All of the above projects are practically completed except No. 3, 4, and 9. No. 3 and No. 4 will be finished within two months.

The completed projects, except No. 9, adds 3.27 miles of storm sewers and 1.28 miles of sanitary sewers to the total of the City's utilities, also 3,600 sq. yds. of new bituminous macadam pavement.

Project No. 1 completes the enclosure of Cedar Brook through the City and makes possible effective drainage for all areas in the City within the Cedar Brook water shed. The City financed \$103,000.00 of the cost of the work. The County of Union contributed \$51,755.25 which reduced the cost to the City to \$51,244.75. The County's contribution reflects the estimated cost of maintenance of bridges and the cost of new bridges which, because of the new conduit, will not be required.

Projects No. 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 are part of the "Million Dollar" Storm Sewer Project which was authorized by General Improvement Ordinance No. 1038. The project carries an appropriation of \$250,000.00 as the cost to the City. The Works Progress Administration has agreed to contribute \$668,218.16.

Projects No. 5, 6 and 7 were authorized by General Improvement Or-

dinance No. 1035. The ordinance carried an appropriation of \$5,500.00 to finance the cost to the City. The Works Progress Administration contributed \$18,429.06.

Projects No. 10, 11, 12 and 13 were all authorized by Local Improvement Ordinances and the total costs have been, or will be, assessed against the abutting lands.

The Department also contributed assistance in planning and executing the work of improving the East End Playground; Leland Avenue School Grounds; drainage ditch through private property north of South Avenue and west of Terrill Road; the demolition of the filter beds of the old sewage disposal plant at Rock Avenue and the construction of a storm sewer in East Seventh Street between Richmond Street and Terrill Road. The construction work is being done by Union County. The City contributed \$8500.00 towards the cost of materials and is furnishing all engineering. The total length of storm sewer to be built is 5190 lineal feet.

The Street Division resurfaced macadam pavement with a two inch thick bituminous surface on South Second Street east of Clinton Avenue and rebuilt 800 square yards of pavement on Denmark Road at Fernwood Avenue.

100,000 square yards of pavement surface was treated with an application of Tarvia and dressed with stone or slag covering.

Considerable time and efforts of the Street Division during July and September was directed on "Clean-up" of the City because of wind storms and floods.

In accordance with the provision of resolutions passed by the Common Council, Engineering and Inspection service was furnished the Meadowbrook Development at the time sanitary sewers were installed. All cost of this service was charged to the developers.

The Sewer Division cleaned approximately forty-two (42) miles of sanitary sewers, and ten (10) miles of storm sewers during the year. Also a continuous daily patrol of all sewer pumping stations was maintained. No "break downs" or serious stoppages were recorded.

The following table gives a comparison of activities in the Building Division for the past five years.

Year	No. of Permits	Value of New Construction and Alterations	Fees Collected
1934	466	\$ 309,741.00	\$1,984.50
1935	609	491,385.00	2,652.25
1936	678	746,025.00	3,240.00
1937	741	836,320.00	4,657.22
1938	649	1,251,328.00	5,631.12

I attach hereto a statement of Local Improvement Assessments showing total distribution of costs of ordinances approved between the years 1919 and 1935, which includes Ordinances No. 201 to No. 300, and a detailed distribution of costs of Ordinances No. 301 to No. 313, also statements of General Improvement Ordinances; Permits issued and fees collected by the Building Division during 1938, Financial Statement of the Department for the year and Statistical Statement of Streets and Sewers.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge my appreciation of the cooperation received from the Mayor, Common Council, various Department Heads, employees of this Department and to the Committee on Streets and Sewers composed of the following members of the Common Council:

Mr. Ralph J. Slonim, Chairman  
 Mr. Anthony H. Viviano  
 Mr. Hugh B. Reed, II

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. BUSH, City Engineer

# Statement of Local Improvement Assessments — 1919-1938

Ordinance	Description	Charged to City	Charged to Owner	Contributions	Total
201 to 300	inclusive—1919-35 inclusive .....	\$1,315,815.87	\$1,855,829.80	\$366,888.48	\$3,538,530.15
301	Paving Andover Avenue .....		Defeated		
302	Sanitary Sewer in Belleview Avenue .....	1.00	827.60		828.60
303	Improvement of Dorbett Place .....	88.04	3,645.94		3,733.98
304	Improvement of Beechwood Court .....	72.62	1,508.48		1,581.10
305	Sanitary Sewers in Sections of Oakland Avenue, Prospect Avenue and Oakwood Place .....	147.25	2,311.87		2,459.12
306	Sanitary Sewers in Forest Hill and sections of Ravine Road and Charlotte Road .....	3.60	4,690.89		4,694.49
307	Improvement of Forest Hill .....		3,871.83		3,871.83
308	Improvement of Ransome Place .....		1,891.47		1,891.47
309	Gas, Water and Sewer Connections in Forest Hill .....		458.86		458.86
310	Improvement of Bradford Street at Ransome Place .....		1,926.58		1,926.58
311	Improvement of Parkside Road east of Kenyon Avenue .....		Not Yet Assessed		
312	Sanitary Sewers in Remington Avenue, Lakeview Terrace and Parkside Road .....		Not Yet Assessed		
313	Improvement of Hollywood Avenue from Brentwood Terrace to Hazelwood Terrace .....		Not Yet Assessed		

## Statement of General Improvement Ordinances

Ordinance	Description	Charged to City	Charged to Owner	Contributions	Total
1001 to 1030	inclusive—1926-33 inclusive ....	902,217.87		\$4,000.00	906,217.87
1031	Storm Sewer from North Avenue, northeast of Berckman Street, through private lands and sections Johnston Avenue and East Third Street to Terrill Road .....		Work Not Done		
1032	Storm Sewer through right-of-way from Loraine Avenue to Dorsey Place .....	1,105.06			1,105.06
P.W.A. Docket No. 1386—	Reconditioning and resurfacing pavement on East and West Front Streets from Watchung Avenue to Washington Avenue .....	39,919.98		16,723.45	56,643.43
P.W.A. Docket No. 1413—	Reconditioning and resurfacing pavement on Watchung Avenue from East Front Street to East Sixth Street .....	23,719.44		9,883.86	33,603.30
P.W.A. Docket No. 1415—	Reconditioning and resurfacing pavement on Park Avenue from Second St. to Seventh St. ....	24,000.71		10,025.74	34,026.45
P.W.A. Docket No. 1057R—	Improvement of East Fifth St. from Watchung Ave. to Richmond St. ....	19,540.09		15,276.02	34,816.11
1036	Cedar Brook Storm Sewer from North Avenue to Terrill Road ....		Work Not Yet Completed		
1037	Sanitary Sewer in Myrtle Avenue, west of Rock Avenue .....	693.13			693.13
1038	City Wide Storm Sewer Project .....		Work Not Yet Completed		
1039	Storm Sewer in East 7th Street between Richmond Street and Terrill Road .....	8,500.00		Work Done by Union County	8,500.00
1040	Playground at North Avenue and Netherwood Avenue .....		Work Not Yet Completed		

## STATEMENT OF PERMITS ISSUED AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE BUILDING DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 1938

Fees Collected .....	\$5,631.12
Zoning Appeals .....	\$160.00
Zoning Maps .....	19.00
Building Codes .....	13.75
Certificates of Occupancy .....	759.00
Advertising (Zoning) .....	3.12
Building Permits .....	4676.25
	5,631.12

## CLASSIFICATION

17 for 17	Frame Dwellings (garages attached)
4 for 4	Frame Dwellings (garages detached)
10 for 10	Frame Dwellings
101 for 101	Frame Alterations



34	for	34	Frame Additions
25	for	25	Frame Garages
5	for	5	Frame Alterations and Additions
3	for	3	Frame Alterations and Garages
2	for	2	Frame Ice Houses
3	for	3	Frame Storages
1	for	1	Frame Greenhouse
1	for	1	Brick Store Building
1	for	1	Brick Apartment House
1	for	1	Brick and Reinforced Concrete Addition
2	for	2	Brick Additions
5	for	5	Brick Alterations
1	for	1	Brick Chimney
1	for	1	Cement Hollow Block Ice House
1	for	1	Cement Hollow Block Store and Garage
11	for	11	Cement Hollow Block Additions
1	for	1	Cement Hollow Block Gymnasium
4	for	4	Cement Hollow Block Alterations
9	for	9	Cement Hollow Block Garages
1	for	1	Cement Hollow Block Service Station
1	for	1	Cement Hollow Block Shop
1	for	1	Cement Hollow Block Office and Warehouse
2	for	2	Concrete Foundations
1	for	1	Concrete and Frame Alteration
1	for	1	Metal Building
1	for	1	Metal Ice House
1	for	1	Metal Garage
1	for	1	Amendment to original application
244	for	255	Fuel Oil Equipments
3	for	3	Fuel Oil Tanks
7	for	13	Gasoline Tanks
123	for	123	Signs
15	for	15	Demolitions
		7	Demolitions (previous to May 17, 1938)
2	for	2	Removal of Buildings
1	for	1	Greenhouse and Garage
1	for	1	Marquise

#### 649 PERMITS

The valuation, represented by 649 permits, amounts to \$1,251,328.00.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT STREET, ENGINEERING AND BUILDING DIVISIONS

as of December 31, 1938

Budget Appropriation .....			\$90,006.15
Disbursements .....	91,799.82		
Less Credits .....	8,477.79		
	83,322.03		
Reserved for completion of Cedar Brook Storm Sewer, General Improvement Ordinance No. 1036, Resolution of Common Council, 12/29/38	\$4,000.00		
Unexpended balance .....	2,684.12	6,684.12	\$90,006.15

#### COST 1938

##### No. 28 Street, Engineering and Building Divisions

Salaries (Net) .....		\$17,985.93*
Wages .....		37,149.22
Office Administration and Supplies .....		1,318.18
New Equipment .....		5,324.50
Material—Streets .....		17,162.97
Supplies and Small Equipment .....		3,805.92
Equipment Repair Parts .....		2,416.98
Hire of Equipment .....		766.75
Garage Supplies and Equipment .....		844.88
City Yard and Buildings .....		517.65
Street Name Signs .....		405.00
		\$87,697.98
Less Credits: Equipment services to other departments .....		4,375.95
		\$83,322.03
Reserved for completion of Cedar Brook Storm Sewer, General Improvement Ordinance No. 1036, Resolution of Common Council, 12/29/38	4,000.00	
Unexpended balance .....	2,684.12	6,684.12

\*Exclusive of cost of engineering on Capital Improvements.

Cost of Snow Removal ..... 10,181.43

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## SEWER DIVISION

as of December 31, 1938

Budget Appropriation .....		\$20,677.30
Disbursements .....	\$19,814.88	
Unexpended balance .....	862.42	
		\$20,677.30

### COST 1938

#### No. 29 Sewer Division

Salaries .....	\$5,058.69
Wages .....	7,065.30
Maintenance of Pumping Stations, Grounds, Buildings and Machinery .....	363.43
Utilities and Heat .....	5,152.64
Equipment Repair Parts and Labor .....	565.94
Materials .....	191.45
Supplies .....	916.82
New Equipment .....	500.61
	\$19,814.88
Unexpended balance .....	862.42

\$20,677.30

### STATISTICAL STATEMENT

#### STREETS

Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (County) .....	6.40 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (County) .....	2.00 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (City) .....	12.79 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (City) .....	1.73 miles
Length Streets paved with Bituminous Macadam (City) .....	21.85 miles
Length Streets paved with Water Bound Macadam (City) .....	41.58 miles
Length of Improved Street (City) .....	86.35 miles
Length of Unimproved Street (City) .....	16.27 miles
Total length of streets in City .....	102.62 miles
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (County) .....	131,742 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (County) .....	11,974 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (City) .....	269,501 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (City) ..	19,845 sq. yds.
Area Bituminous Macadam (City) .....	350,791 sq. yds.
Area Water Bound Macadam (City) .....	572,325 sq. yds.
Total Area of Pavements .....	1,356,178 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation constructed in 1937 .....	none
constructed in 1938 .....	none
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation constructed in 1937 .....	none
constructed in 1938 .....	none
Area Bituminous Macadam constructed in 1937 .....	5,500 sq. yds.
Area Bituminous Macadam constructed in 1938 .....	4,494 sq. yds.
Area Macadam resurfaced in 1937 .....	none
Area Macadam resurfaced in 1938 .....	1,731 sq. yds.
Area Bituminous surface treatment in 1937 .....	285,000 sq. yds.
Area Bituminous surface treatment in 1938 .....	100,000 sq. yds.
Cost Bituminous surface treatment per sq. yd. in 1937 .....	\$0.0529 per sq. yd.
Cost Bituminous surface treatment per sq. yd. in 1938 .....	0.0638 per sq. yd.
Amount Bituminous Material used for surface treatment in 1937 .....	79,284 gal.
Amount Bituminous Material used for surface treatment in 1938 .....	35,384 gal.
Cost Bituminous Material for surface treatment applied in 1937 .....	\$0.0923 per gal.
Cost Bituminous Material for surface treatment applied in 1938 .....	0.0963 per gal.
*—"Hard Surface"—Sheet Asphalt, Bituminous Concrete, Brick, Concrete Granite Block, Tarvialithic, Hot-Col, etc.	

#### SEWERS

Length of Storm Sewers .....	30.93 miles
Length of Sanitary Sewers .....	90.86 miles
Number of House Connections on Sanitary Sewers .....	7,845
Pumping Stations .....	6
Auxiliary Pumping Station .....	1

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION FOR 1938

To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield

The Shade Tree Commission presents herewith a report of their activities for the year of 1938.

The Commission necessarily must always keep in mind a general or complete plan for the care of all street trees and endeavor to carry out a work program which in their opinion will benefit the greatest number of trees. This policy should be borne in mind by the individual property owner, whose interest tends to center upon his own trees.

In the maintenance of street trees, the amount of work done on an individual tree must take into account several factors. Briefly the species of tree, its age and general condition, type of soil and street conditions and the value of the tree in its location. Obviously a species known to be short lived, or apt to succumb to insect attack or plant disease, would not receive much attention. The same ruling might apply to a tree on a well planted street, where the loss of one tree would have little effect on the general appearance of the street. Another street containing few trees might have individual trees on which considerable work and attention would be worth while.

There are many trees on our streets, which by their appearance and condition might be removed and replaced with young trees. However to some property owners and street residents they have considerable value. Unless such trees are actually dangerous the Commission believes the wishes of the property owners should be considered, thus mutual cooperation is almost invariably maintained.

The Commission receives every year a large number of requests and communications from property owners, calling our attention to tree injuries, insect attack and needed work on street trees. These requests are a valuable aid to the Commission in their work, as it is impossible to maintain a close watch on every tree. The requests are given attention in the order of their importance, the safety factor being considered first.

Shade tree work falls under several classifications, the greater part of the work being taken up under the following headings with the number of trees and the attention we have given them.

### Trimming

Trees react to light, moisture, and climatic conditions, any unfavorable changes in these conditions or damage to the root system results in dead or dying limbs, besides storm and insect damage, a natural pruning or dying of limbs occurs from crowding by other trees or limbs which shut out light rays.

The work of trimming is constantly being carried on. Such trimming reveals the condition of the trees worked on and leads to other work, such as removal of trees found in bad condition, protection from insect attack, cavity work and the bracing by cable and screw rods of weak limbs and poorly formed crotches or other apparent and foreseen damage for which attention is needed. The time given to the work of trimming has resulted in attention to a total of 1800 trees this year.

### Tree Surgery Work

We have stated in the foregoing paragraphs the need for this work as revealed through trimming operations. In the past year we have given attention to a total of 185 trees which in our opinion were worth the extra time and cost involved. There are many trees which would be benefited by this work, but at the present time other necessary work is more important.

### Removal of Trees

The Commission has had to remove from 75 to 100 trees every year. These trees are taken out for various reasons, among which are: decayed, dangerous and diseased trees, trees injured by sidewalk, sewer, street and building construction, trees in the way of driveways, undesirable trees because of species, shape or crowding of other trees and poplar trees which the Commission has removed on request, recognizing them as a dangerous species because of their constant damage from wind storms. This work of removing trees takes up a very large part of the appropriation for Shade Tree work. The Commission removed in 1938 a total of 103 trees, not taking

into account the removal of trees during the storm of September 22, 1938, of which an account is included in this report.

### **Planting of Shade Trees**

The Commission has carried out a policy of replacing all trees removed, where such replacement is desirable. In addition they have planted every year as many trees as the funds appropriated for this work would permit.

If Plainfield is to continue to have well planted streets, annual replacements and new plantings must be made. In the opinion of the Commission this is one of the most important phases of Shade Tree work.

While recognizing the desirability of a large variety of trees the Commission has confined the planting in general, to those species which have been extensively and successfully planted as street trees in past years.

This year because of increased work in the fall, occasioned by the severe windstorm in September, it was necessary to omit some of the fall planting. The Commission has planted this year 153 trees.

### **Fertilizing and Feeding**

This work has been confined to such trees as showed apparent need for nourishment. Also a number of young trees planted in past years were given attention to encourage a favorable growth. A great deal of this work is needed and desirable, but at the present time we find it impossible to carry out a regular program for tree fertilization. A total of 260 trees were given this attention during 1938.

### **Spraying**

In the adequate care of trees, protection from insect injury must be included. This protection from insect damage, is mostly confined to the spraying of trees at the right time with the proper materials. The Commission has carried out a program of spraying operations for protection against leaf eating insects and on a smaller scale a dormant spray, for protection from scale insects, the damage from which is less apparent but equally or more injurious.

The spraying of street trees presents many problems, due to the traffic on the streets and the proximity of buildings to the trees requiring attention. We have given this protection to some 1500 trees in 1938 and have planned for increased work in this line in the future.

### **Hurricane Damage**

This year we experienced one of the worst wind storms in many years.. Fortunately Plainfield escaped the full force of the storm. Because we had had heavy rains for several days before the high winds, the ground was waterlogged and the foliage and limbs of the trees were heavy with water. This condition was responsible for the many trees which were uprooted.

The greater part of the damage occurred to the silver maples and poplars. However, the location, type of soil, exposure to the winds, character of growth and previous damage to the root system were the causes of tree loss rather than the species of tree. During this storm some 120 trees were uprooted or blown over at such an angle that removal was necessary. A surprising consequence of this storm was the comparatively few street trees that were broken off at the trunk, because of weakness or decay. We believe this was due to the constant removal by the Commission of dying, decayed and weakened trees.

The young trees as well as many trees planted some years previously, suffered to some extent. Most of these trees as well as a few large ones we were able to straighten up. These trees will require additional care for several years to offset the damage incurred during the storm. About 90 trees were given some care as a result of this storm.

### **General**

The Commission finds that considerable time is taken up during the year, in other work related to or connected with shade tree care. Such items as relaying and leveling walks raised by tree roots, removal of hanging and fallen limbs during and after wind and rain storms, transplanting from the way of drives small and medium sized trees, care and attention to trees damaged by traffic accidents, removal of dangerous limbs from trees on private property which endanger street and sidewalks and the care and maintenance of the Departments tools and equipment.

The Commission recognizes the need for more work on our street trees.

previously planted, as well as need for an increased number of new plantings. However on a most conservative budget permitting only limited expansion of work and employment of few men, it has attempted to serve the City effectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Plainfield Shade Tree Commission  
Mr. Thomas F. Hylan, President  
Mrs. Garret Smith, Secretary  
Mr. Ligthgow Hunter  
Sydney R. Durrant, City Forester



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield, New Jersey

The Recreation Commission submits herewith the sixteenth annual report of activities conducted during the past year ending December 31, 1938. In reviewing the program conducted by the Recreation Commission it is interesting to note that all the old activities were again included, while several new ones were added, which made for marked increased attendance figures for the year. For the first time in the history of the Commission these figures reached over the one hundred thousand mark for one month, when in August they reached an all time high of 103,218.

Late in the Fall work was started on the East End Playground. When this facility is completed it will give the people in the east end of the city a well developed play area that has long been needed. In early Spring the Playground Project in the west end will be started, and will consist of a small children's playground. Both these projects are being sponsored by the City and the W. P. A.

Classes included in the program for the first time were Americanization, Amateur Night, Art, Electrical, Harmonica, String Ensemble and Woodworking.

Regardless of the excessive rainfall during the Summer, attendance figures show a gain of 55,693 which we hope not only to maintain but to exceed during the year 1939.

### Activities

Archery was conducted in Kenyon Gardens by the Watchung Archers. Miss Isabel Mosher, local member, is the State Champion.

Americanization Classes are conducted in both the Washington and Emerson Schools by the Adult Education Project.

Art Classes are held in the evening at Emerson and Washington Schools, one night a week at each center.

Amateur Night was held on the various playgrounds during the Summer, with the finals at High School Field where an appreciative audience of 2400 applauded the contestants.

Badminton made gains during the year, as seven courts were available weekly for the devotees of this sport.

Basketball was well patronized during the season. Nine leagues operated including a girls' loop. City and State tournaments were held in the early Spring.

Baseball made a slight increase during the year as the two leagues played to increased crowds.

Bowling shows an increase over last year due to more teams being organized. All available alleys were used by the leagues, as the 58 teams played to a weekly schedule lasting 28 weeks.

Boxing tournaments held the interest of fans for two nights at the High School Field, when approximately 4000 people witnessed the shows.

Cricket was curtailed by the inclement weather during July, but the Plainfield Cricket Club maintained their schedule with the Metropolitan League, of which they are members, as well as playing transatlantic ship teams. At the end of their season a banquet was held and the yearly awards made.

Community Centers the two evening centers were well patronized for the seven months they operated. A well balanced program was offered and was well received by the immediate community. Activities conducted in the centers were Americanization, art, boxing, cooking, dramatics, dressmaking, electrical class, knitting, movies, puppet shows, quiet games, reading rooms, roller skating, tap and social dancing and woodworking.

Golf was conducted at the Netherwood Golf Club which the Recreation Commission leased. In addition to regular daily play, the Industrial Golf League operated for its eleventh season. This was the most successful of any of the previous years both from the standpoint of participation and financial angles.

Halloween was celebrated indoors. In five grammar schools, games, movies, and stunts were conducted for the children, while a dance given free was the program for older groups at High School.

Lawn Bowling was played mostly on the green at Greenbrook Park. Enough games were played away from home to win the Colgate Cup which

is symbolic of the New York Metropolitan Championship. The local club competed in the following matches: Cranford Cup at Montclair; Lacarne Cup at Trenton; and the Nelson Trophy at Brooklyn. In addition to the above competition, the club was a member of the Metropolitan League and a majority of their matches were through this connection.

**Movies** were shown each Friday evening during the Fall and Winter months to children in the two centers, thus keeping children in their own neighborhood.

**Watchung Nature Club** organized in 1927 is still very active. In addition to holding regular monthly meetings with speakers of national reputation, they also made many field trips throughout the state.

**Picnics and Outings** were planned with equipment furnished by the Recreation Commission for various groups and organizations throughout the warm weather, and were more popular than ever before.

**Ping-Pong** tournament was held with about 50 competitors in singles and doubles.

**Radio Club** met weekly with distinguished speakers, as well as exchanging ideas within the group.

**Swimming** was a year round activity. During the Summer months the High School Pool was used to capacity. Meets were held for boys, girls, men and women at the end of August. Employed girls and women used both the High School and Jewish Community Center Pool weekly.

**Softball** hit a new high as more players participated than in any other previous year. But for lack of playing space more teams could have been organized. During August the State Class B Championships were held at Maxson Field.

**Touch Football** operated during the playing season with two leagues. This was one more league than was previously organized.

**Tennis** suffered from the heavy rains as almost a month of play was cancelled. However, on the whole, this activity just about broke even with previous year's play. Championships were held in men's, women's, juniors singles, as well as in men's doubles. The winners entered the State Championships at Milburn and our men's champion also captured the City, County and State titles.

**Holiday Season** the living Christmas tree on the grounds of City Hall was decorated and lighted during the holidays.

## Playgrounds

The playgrounds enjoyed their best season in some years. The staff consisted of sixteen city employed leaders, augmented by three W. P. A. supervisors. The success of the Summer program was due to the fact that the staff members were well trained recreation workers, hand picked from numerous applicants who had been, and in many cases still are, actively engaged in athletics. During the Summer months of July and August, eleven playgrounds equipped with apparatus were open. Seven of these areas operated for three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, while the other four were open for two periods only, morning and afternoon. The daily average summer attendance was 2604, an increase of 820 over the 1937 daily figures. The total summer attendance was 114,560. Five playgrounds were open after school until dark for fourteen weeks during the Spring and Fall. The attendance for these grounds was 79,493. The total playground attendance was 194,053. The program was varied and included activities to reach all ages.

The following is a resume of activities sponsored and promoted on the city playgrounds:

### Summary of Attendance Figures — Activity of 1938

Contests	Leagues	Tournaments	Weekly Features
Baseball ability	Baseball	Checkers	Baby Parade
Basketball	Horseshoes	Croquet	Doll Parade
(Foul Shooting)	Kick Ball	Horseshoe	Pet Show
Hop Scotch	Softball	Jacks	Playground Parade
Jack Knife	Touch Football	Paddle Tennis	Sand Modeling
Poster	Volley Ball	Quoits	Swimming Meet
Roly Poly		Washers	
Soap Bubbling			
Stilt			
Story Telling			

## SPECIAL DAYS

Dramatics	Mothers' Day
Educational Trips	Playground Amateur Fights
Field Trips	Playground Carnival
Field Day	Playground Championships
Flower Show	Playground Newspaper
Handcraft Exhibition	Playground Parties
Hikes	Rahway Pool
Hobby Show	Street Showers
Knot Hole Gang	Tap Dancing Class

### SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Amateur Night	3042	Gym Classes	468
Archery	735	Handcraft (kn. & cr.)	230
Badminton	934	Hiking	120
Baseball	25506	Holidays	3881
Basketball	18632	Lawn Bowling	2925
Bowling	14311	Marbles	804
Boxing	4554	Movies	125
Classes (play)	2076	Nature Study	492
Clubs (bicycle)	120	Playgrounds	194053
Coasting	5200	Picnics	4307
Committees	3640	Ping Pong	349
Community Centers	43018	Socials	1478
Cricket	2980	Softball	26819
Dances (tap)	7295	Special Activity	1245
Dances (square)	725	Street Showers	3000
Dramatics	30	Swimming	13266
Dressmaking	223	Tennis	15300
Golf	10209	Touch Football	6223

413,415

### Report of Women's and Girls' Activities — Year

During the year 1938 many women and girls entered into the Recreation program, not so much from the sports angle as from the social angle.

**Archery** One of the sports participated in by both men and women, is becoming more popular as time goes on. One of the arts in the olden times, it comes down through the ages to again become an activity that helps one to better health and better living.

**Basketball** has been most successful, but owing to the trend of the times seems to have reached its peak and is now at a standstill, with the outlook for the coming year much brighter.

**Bowling** is one sport that has taken an upward trend for women. An organized league comprising twelve teams rolled every Thursday night at Recreation Alleys for a period of thirty-two weeks, while beginners and intermediate groups are being taught the finer points of the game on the Eagles and Juniors alleys.

**Bicycle Club** During the season bicycling became quite popular among the intermediate groups, and evenings and weekends found them along the less beaten paths enjoying the benefits this activity affords.

**Dramatics** This group of boys and girls are reading plays and being taught the qualities which go toward making playacting a success.

**Dressmaking** This activity was made possible through the cooperation of the Adult Education Class of the W. P. A. at Jefferson School, and many women took advantage of the opportunity to learn under capable instructors the making of many articles of clothing.

**Handcraft** consisted of crocheting and knitting classes held weekly for older groups and proved well worthwhile from the standpoint of an art which can always be enjoyed at all seasons of the year.

**Home Economics** This activity was enjoyed by small groups from various organizations through the facilities of the Public Service and Union County Home Economics departments.

**Hiking** Following the urge to get out into the open country, two small groups spent many hours on short hikes, where they enjoyed to the fullest extent the pleasure afforded by the great out-of-doors.

**Swimming** this ever popular sport carried on during the winter and summer at the J. C. C. Pool for business girls and women, and has been well worthwhile.

**Softball** gained a new peak as a sport for girls. Ten teams played five nights each week, at Greenbrook Park to a large group of spectators.

**Socials** These are activities conducted for organizations, including Day Nursery, Holy Cross Church, and others, as well as programs for groups without departmental supervision.

**Square Dances**, last but not least, these dances held every Wednesday night at Jefferson School filled a long felt need in bringing together people

of all ages in one community spirited group where friendliness, good fellowship and real enjoyment meet on common ground, while the attendance far surpassed either of the two previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. SCHLENTER,  
Director of Recreation



# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

To the Honorable the Common Council of  
the City of Plainfield.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Plainfield Public Library and Reading-Room, pursuant to the provisions of law in that behalf, hereby make this their Annual Report, stating the conditions of their trust on the first day of June, 1938.

The following, showing the receipts and expenditures of money verified by the affidavit of the Treasurer, exhibits the sums of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes.

Annual report of the Treasurer of the Plainfield Public Library and Reading-Room for the year ending May 31, 1938.

## Report of the Treasurer of the Plainfield Public Library and Reading Room for the Year, June 1, 1937 — May 31, 1938

### GENERAL LIBRARY FUND

Receipts:	
From the City of Plainfield, on account 1937 .....	\$15,500.00
From the City of Plainfield, on account 1938 .....	12,000.00
Librarian's Petty Cash Receipts .....	1,458.55
Total Receipts .....	\$28,958.55
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	1,485.41
Aggregate .....	\$30,443.96
Disbursements:	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....	\$29,555.12
Aggregate .....	888.84
Aggregate .....	\$30,443.96

### THE BABCOCK SCIENTIFIC FUND — PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts:	
Emily Realty Co. payment on Mortgage Participation .....	\$2,278.15
Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. Payment on Participation Certificate .....	80.00
Total receipts .....	\$2,358.15
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	1,443.22
Aggregate .....	\$3,801.37
Disbursements:	
Investment in Lena Perwin Mortgage Participation .....	\$1,392.67
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....	2,408.70
Aggregate .....	\$3,801.37

### THE BABCOCK SCIENTIFIC FUND — INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts:	
Interest, Crane Real Estate Mortgage Participation .....	\$ 80.00
Interest, Cropsey Const. Co. Real Estate Mortgage .....	330.00
Interest, Emily Realty Co. Mortgage Participation .....	274.13
Interest, Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. Participation Certificate .....	20.35
Interest, Provident Loan Society Cert. of Incorp. ....	6.00
Total receipts .....	\$ 710.48
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	474.00
Aggregate .....	\$1,184.48
Disbursements:	
Books .....	\$ 373.73
Periodicals .....	267.96
Binding .....	110.95
Total disbursements .....	\$ 752.69
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....	431.79
Aggregate .....	\$1,184.48

### THE MASON W. TYLER FUND — PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts:	
Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. Payment on Participation Certificate .....	\$ 40.00
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	40.00
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....	\$ 80.00



### THE MASON W. TYLER FUND — INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts:		
Interest, Guaranteed mortgage participation certificate .....	\$ 10.20	
Interest, Provident Loan Society, Cert. of Inc. ....	384.00	
Interest, Manning Real Estate Mortgage .....	300.00	
Total Receipts .....		\$ 694.20
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....		676.89
Aggregate .....		\$1,371.09
Disbursements:		
Books .....	\$474.58	
Periodicals .....	28.00	
Binding .....	9.25	
Total Disbursements .....		\$ 511.83
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....		\$ 859.26
Aggregate .....		\$1,371.09

### THE CAROLINE T. LINCOLN FUND — INCOME ACCOUNT

Interest, Cole Real Estate Mortgage .....	\$300.00	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	26.71	
Aggregate .....		\$ 326.71
Disbursements:		
Books .....	\$243.71	
Periodicals .....	21.05	
Binding .....	10.00	
Total Disbursements .....		\$ 274.76
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....		\$ 51.95
Aggregate .....		\$ 326.71

### ART GALLERY EXHIBITION FUND

Receipts:		
Service charges .....	\$ 51.50	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	299.17	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....		\$ 350.67

### VOCAL MUSIC FUND — PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts:		
Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. Payment on Participation Certificate .....	\$ 20.00	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	20.00	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....		\$ 40.00

### VOCAL MUSIC FUND — INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts:		
Interest, Guaranteed Mortgage Participation .....	\$ 5.00	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1937 .....	53.38	
Balance on hand, June 1, 1938 .....		\$ 58.38

Respectfully submitted,

O. T. HOUSTON, Treasurer

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

Annual report for the year ending May 31, 1938

Date of founding .....	1881
Population served (1930 census) .....	34,442
Net valuation of city taxable, 1938 .....	\$60,209,344
Rate of tax levy for library purposes, not to exceed one-half of a mill, law of of 1879 & 1886, but this year actually received .....	\$ .00465
Terms for use:	
Free for lending to residents and taxpayers .....	
Free for reference to residents and taxpayers .....	
Subscription to those outside of city limits .....	\$3.00 annually
Total number of agencies .....	243
Consisting of:	
Central Library .....	1
Stations .....	4
Other agencies (Number of teachers using books in class-rooms).....	238
Number of days open during the year (Central Library) .....	362
Hours open each week for lending (Central Library) .....	76
Hours open each week for reading (Central Library) .....	76
Hours of service required of staff .....	39

	Adult and Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Book Stock			
Number of volumes at beginning of year .....	66,591	7,414	74,005
Number of volumes by purchase .....	1,870	340	2,210
Number of volumes added by gift .....	86	12	98
Number of volumes added by binding not otherwise counted .....	157	0	157
Total .....	68,704	7,766	76,470
Total volumes lost or withdrawn .....	1,057	273	1,330
Total volumes at end of year .....	67,647	7,493	75,140
Number of volumes in Reference Department .....			19,668
Number of volumes in Intermediate Department .....			3,693
Number of Mounts in Picture Collection, not included in above .....			8,357
Number of compositions in Music Department, not included in above .....			6,502
Number of newspapers, periodicals, etc. currently received .....			260
Use	Adult and Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Number of non-fiction volumes lent .....	81,678	21,453	103,131
Number of fiction volumes lent .....	103,739	22,680	126,419
Total number of volumes lent .....	185,417	44,133	229,550
Per cent of fiction lent of total volumes lent .....	55.95	51.39	55.07
Maintenance expenditure per capita .....			\$ .902
Maintenance expenditure per circulation .....			\$ .135
Circulation per capita (1930 census) .....			6.7
Number of pictures lent for home use .....			4,015
Other circulation: Music .....			11,484
Pay Collection .....			30,129
Intermediate Department .....			12,899
Students' privilege .....			7,839
Teachers' privilege .....			18,291
Evening circulation .....			78,902
Sunday and Holiday circulation .....			19,417
Babcock Scientific Library circulation .....			4,731
Lincoln Library of Fine Arts circulation .....			984
Tyler Library of Americana circulation .....			3,502
Number of reference books consulted at the building .....			7,403
Number of persons using the library for reading and study .....			248,340
Number of persons using the library Sundays and holidays .....			35,705
Number of persons visiting Art Exhibitions, not included in above .....			2,261
Registration	Adult and Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during the year .....	1,342	675	2,017
Total number of registered borrowers (new registration) .....	12,770	6,145	18,915
Registration period, years .....			2
Number on staff, library service .....			14
Number on staff, janitor service .....			1

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors of the Plainfield  
Public Library and Reading Room.

C. B. TYLER, President  
W. H. Gilbert, Secretary

## Appendix 1.

### Statistics for Library's Year, June 1937-May 1938

TOTAL ACCESSIONS, TOTAL WITHDRAWALS AND ACTUAL WORKING TOTALS SINCE 1881			
	Total Volumes	Total Withdrawals	Working Total
General Library .....	89,772	32,076	57,696
Music Scores .....	6,620	118	6,502
Picture Collection .....	8,359	2	8,357
Babcock Scientific Library .....	13,574	1,549	12,025
Tyler Library of Americana .....	4,888	88	4,800
Lincoln Library of Fine Arts .....	619	0	619
Totals .....	123,832	33,833	89,999

### SOURCES OF ACCESSIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND TOTAL VOLUMES DURING THE YEAR

General Library		
Volumes June 1, 1937 .....	57,019	
Purchased .....	1,870	
Gifts .....	80	
Binding .....	39	
Withdrawn .....	59,008	
Total Volumes June 1, 1938 .....	1,312	57,696

### Music Scores

Volumes June 1, 1937 .....	6,515	
Purchased .....	9	
Gifts .....	3	
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Withdrawn .....	6,527	
	25	
Total Volumes June 1, 1938 .....		6,502

### Picture Collection

Mounts June 1, 1937 .....	8,075	
Mounts added .....	282	
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	8,357	
Withdrawn .....	0	
Total Mounts June 1, 1938 .....		8,357

### Babcock Scientific Library

Volumes June 1, 1937 .....	11,821	
Purchased .....	107	
Binding .....	115	
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	12,043	
Withdrawn .....	18	
Total Volumes June 1, 1938 .....		12,025

## FURTHER INFORMATION ON VOLUMES ADDED

### DEPARTMENTS

	Volumes Added upon Publication	Bargain Volumes Added	Cost of New Titles	Cost of Bar- gains and Re- placements
<b>GENERAL LIBRARY</b>				
Adult .....	840	425	\$2,173.64	\$1,031.33
Intermediate .....	125	17	245.27	30.96
Juvenile .....	245	58	367.52	90.41
TYLER LIBRARY .....	141	35	374.21	100.37
LINCOLN LIBRARY .....	3	23	85.20	153.51
BABCOCK LIBRARY .....	89	18	310.91	62.87

NOTE: Figures under Volumes cover bills actually paid during the year.

### Pay Collection

Total new titles purchased .....	241
Cost of these titles .....	\$425.90
Rental returns .....	426.18

### Reference Department

Total Volumes June 1, 1937 .....	19,455	
Volumes added during the year .....	213	
Total Volumes June 1, 1938 .....		19,668

### Periodicals and Newspapers

#### PERIODICALS:

General:		
Adult subscriptions .....	85	
Intermediate subscriptions .....	1	
Juvenile subscriptions .....	10	
Gifts .....	102	
Babcock Scientific and Technical Library .....	38	
Lincoln Library of Fine Arts .....	6	
Tyler Library of Americana .....	7	
NEWSPAPERS .....	11	
Total .....		260

### Total Volumes Repaired, Rebound and Withdrawn

Repaired .....		4,318
Withdrawn .....		1,355
Rebound:		
Books .....	77	
Magazines .....	155	
Total .....		232

### Registration of Active Borrowers

Total Adult & Intermediate Departments—New Registration .....	12,193	
Total Juvenile Department—New Registration .....	3,922	
Total Extension Department—New Registration .....	2,800	
Entire total of active borrowers—New registration .....		18,915

### Circulation Department

Total Adult and Intermediate Departments Circulation .....	173,266	
Total Juvenile Department Circulation .....	27,816	
Total Extension Department Circulation .....	28,468	
Entire Total .....	229,550	
Pay Collection Circulation .....	30,129	
Grand total .....		259,679

# FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT — BOARD OF HEALTH

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\*Appointed July 1, 1938

## Report of the President and Secretary

December 31, 1938

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health takes pleasure in again transmitting herewith a brief statement of the activities of the Health Department for the fiftieth year since its organization. The value of our efficient public health program is effectively demonstrated by the following table of vital statistics pertaining to the well-being of our citizenry:

Estimated population .....	"	39,800
Marriage rate per 1,000 population .....	6.83	
Birth rate per 1,000 population .....	13.24	
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 population .....	.35	
Death rate per 1,000 population .....	9.14	
Infant death rate per 1,000 births .....	41.74	
Diphtheria case rate per 1,000 population .....	.07	
Scarlet Fever case rate per 1,000 population .....	1.80	
Tuberculosis case rate per 1,000 population .....	.50	
Typhoid Fever case rate per 1,000 population .....	0	

In accordance with our usual policy, we have again been able to extend the scope of our activities. This year, through the cooperation of the State Department of Health, our laboratory was approved for pneumonia typing and pneumonia serum has been made available for free distribution to physicians for indigent patients. The laboratory has also been approved by the State Department of Health for the Kahn precipitation test for syphilis thereby making our reports for tests in conjunction with the recently enacted laws requiring blood tests for syphilis on all persons contemplating marriage and all expectant mothers acceptable anywhere in the State of New Jersey.

Commensurate progress in advanced public health procedure has been noted in all of the other bureaus of our department and will be further elaborated upon in the detailed report of the Health Officer.

A major factor having direct bearing on the development of the Health Department has been the cooperation received from the Mayor and the Common Council. For this the Board wishes to express its appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. VOORHEES, President  
ANDREW J. KROG, Secretary

## Financial Report

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation from Common Council .....	\$23,559.81
Emergency appropriation from Common Council .....	406.62
<b>Total appropriation from Common Council .....</b>	<b>\$23,966.43</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Reimbursements, fees, fines, etc. ....	\$1267.00
Plumbing fees .....	123.00
Garbage and Offal .....	417.00
Milk .....	73.00
Ice .....	112.00
Barbers .....	121.00
Fines .....	884.50
Vital Statistics .....	854.00
Food Establishments .....	50.00
Slaughter House and Poultry Slaughterer's License .....	2.00
Examination of specimens .....	2.25
Credit for returned merchandise .....	\$3,905.75
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Salaries .....	\$18359.31
Office .....	1152.79
Motor Equipment .....	1476.33
Traveling Expenses .....	334.36
Laboratory .....	899.15
Communicable Disease .....	1641.67
Food and Drug .....	8.28
General .....	94.54
	\$23,966.43

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD

December 31, 1938

To the Board of Health, Plainfield, New Jersey  
Gentlemen:

The following is submitted as the Report of the Plumbers' Examining Board for the year 1938:

Number of examination held .....	2	Number Master Plumbers' Licenses issued .....	2
Number of applicants examined .....	2	Number not issued .....	0

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT I. LITTELL, Secretary,  
Plumbers' Examining Board

## REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

To the Board of Health, Plainfield, New Jersey  
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the activities of the Department of Health for the year 1938.

It is with pleasure that I am able to report important administrative progress during the year in the form of additional projects and expansion of existing services.

This year our Department again entered the Inter-City Health Conservation Contest and received an honorable mention award for meritorious achievement in public health administration. This is the third year that we have entered the contest and the third award received.

Details concerning the various departmental activities will be found in the accompanying specific sections of this report.

### Vital Statistics

An examination of the more important statistical measurements of the health of our people for the year 1938 shows the usual steady upward trend.

The relatively low incidence of most of the more serious communicable diseases is undoubtedly one of the major contributing factors to the uncommonly high level of physical well-being of our citizens. It is to be noted, however, that heart disease and cancer play the greatest role in illness and death. Improvements in diagnostic methods and the greater number of people living in the age groups when these conditions occur because of the



increase in life expectancy, may account for the larger number of reported cases and deaths from these diseases.

VITAL STATISTICS					
	Occurring in City	*Occurring out of City	Total Residents	Non Residents	Total
Marriages .....	201	71	272	94	366
Births .....	498	29	527	53	1110
Stillbirths .....	14	0	14	15	29
Deaths .....	321	43	364	180	544
	1034	143	1177	872	2049

### Comparative Table — Residents

(Rates are per thousand population and are based on total residents)

Year	Marriages		Births		Stillbirths		Deaths	
	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates
1932	171	4.74	557	15.45	10	.27	364	10.00
1933	184	5.01	505	13.75	7	.19	366	9.96
1934	221	5.90	500	13.39	8	.21	381	10.20
1935	228	6.00	453	11.92	8	.21	370	9.74
1936	258	6.68	489	12.14	19	.49	358	9.26
1937	281	7.17	503	12.84	12	.28	371	9.47
1938	272	6.83	527	13.24	14	.35	364	9.14

\*These figures are obtained from copies of certificates received from other municipalities.

### NATIONALITY TABLES

#### Marriages, Births, Stillbirths and Deaths

	Marriages		Births		Stillbirths		Deaths
	Brides	Bridegrooms	Mothers	Fathers	Mothers	Fathers	
Austria .....	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
England .....	1	1	2	4	0	0	8
France .....	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Germany .....	5	3	4	3	0	0	6
Ireland .....	1	1	8	5	1	1	19
Italy .....	3	8	27	48	0	0	12
Russia .....	1	1	2	9	1	0	11
Scotland .....	2	3	1	3	1	0	5
United States .....	184	179	441	404	11	13	232
Other Countries .....	3	3	12	18	0	0	22
Not Stated .....	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
	201		498		14		321

### MARRIAGES

The following table will show the marriages according to ages:

	Brides	Bridegrooms
Minors .....	5	8
Under 25 years .....	107	59
25 — 30 years .....	51	68
30 — 35 years .....	14	29
35 — 40 years .....	13	11
40 — 45 years .....	5	15
45 — 50 years .....	5	8
50 — 60 years .....	1	2
Over 60 years .....	0	1

The following table will show the number of first, second and third marriages:

	201	
First .....	177	179
Second .....	23	22
Third .....	1	0

  

	201	
White .....	176	176
Colored .....	25	25

### BIRTHS

Sex		201	
Male	Female	White	Colored
249	249	414	84

  

498	498
Number of children born in hospital .....	425
Number of children born at home .....	73
Number attended by physicians .....	489
Number attended by midwives .....	1
Number unattended .....	8

### STILLBIRTHS

Sex		201	
Male	Female	White	Colored
6	8	11	3
14		14	

	PERIOD OF GESTATION				Total
	Full Term	8 Months	7 Months	6 Months	
Native White .....	3	1	1	3	8
Foreign White ....	2	0	1	0	3
Colored .....	1	0	2	0	3

	NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MOTHER			Total
	Native White	Foreign White	Colored	
First .....	3	3	3	9
Second .....	0	0	0	0
Third .....	2	0	0	2
Fourth .....	0	0	0	0
Fifth .....	1	0	0	1
Sixth .....	1	0	0	1
Seventh .....	1	0	0	1
	8	3	3	14

CAUSE OF STILLBIRTH		PLACE OF STILLBIRTH	
Intracranial Hemorrhage .....	1	Hospital .....	11
Difficult Labor .....	1	At home .....	3
Premature separation of Placenta .....	3		
Prematurity .....	1		14
Toxemia of Pregnancy .....	1		
Placental Infarct .....	1		
Asphyxia Neonatorum .....	1		
Breech Delivery .....	1		
Unknown .....	4		
	14		

Sex		Color		DEATHS				Total
Male	Female	White	Colored	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	
159	162	283	88	68	152	96	5	321
AGES								
Under 1 week .....	10	35 — 40 years .....						6
1 week — 1 month .....	2	40 — 45 years .....						11
1 month — 1 year .....	10	45 — 50 years .....						18
1 — 2 years .....	0	50 — 55 years .....						24
2 — 5 years .....	2	55 — 60 years .....						33
5 — 10 years .....	1	60 — 65 years .....						37
10 — 15 years .....	2	65 — 70 years .....						29
15 — 20 years .....	5	70 — 75 years .....						46
20 — 25 years .....	7	75 — 80 years .....						27
25 — 30 years .....	4	80 — 90 years .....						35
30 — 35 years .....	6	90 — 100 years .....						6
								321

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH	
I. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	
Tuberculosis .....	2
Syphilis .....	4
Influenza .....	1
Whooping Cough .....	1
Streptococcic viridans of blood .....	1
Peritonitis .....	1
Grippe .....	1
Septicemia .....	1
Ascending Myelitis .....	1
	13
II. Cancers and Other Tumors	
Cancer .....	40
Brain Tumor .....	2
Multiple Myeloma .....	1
	43
III. Rheumatic Diseases, Nutritional Diseases, Diseases of the Endocrine and Other General Diseases	
Toxic Goitre .....	1
Thyrotoxicosis .....	1
Rheumatic Heart Disease .....	3
Diabetes Mellitus .....	7
	12
IV. Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Making Organs	
Hodgkin's Disease .....	3
Pernicious Anaemia .....	1
	4
V. Chronic Poisonings and Intoxications	0
VI. Diseases of the Nervous System and of the Organs of Special Sense	
Cerebral Hemorrhage .....	21
Cerebral Thrombosis .....	6
Pneumococcic Meningitis .....	1
Epilepsy .....	1
Paralysis Agitans .....	1
Interventricular Hemorrhage .....	1
Streptococcic Meningitis .....	1
Hemiplegia .....	2
Cerebral Embolus .....	1
Cerebral Agenesis .....	1

Hematoma of Dura Mater .....	1	37
VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System		
Acute Myocarditis .....	5	
Chronic Endo & Myocarditis .....	35	
Coronary Thrombosis .....	17	
Coronary Occlusion .....	9	
Arteriosclerosis .....	8	
Myocardial Decompensation .....	4	
Hypertensive Heart Disease .....	1	
Cardio-renal Vascular Disease .....	3	
Gangrene .....	2	
Aneurysm .....	1	
Aortic Insufficiency .....	1	
Chronic Cardio Valvular Disease .....	3	
Mitral Stenosis .....	1	90
VIII. Diseases of the Respiratory System		
Pneumonia .....	20	
Bronchial Asthma .....	3	
Pulmonary Congestion .....	1	24
IX. Diseases of the Digestive System		
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	4	
Appendiceal Abscess .....	1	
Cholecystitis .....	3	
Duodenal Ulcers .....	2	
Intestinal Obstruction .....	1	
Appendicitis .....	3	
Intussusception .....	1	
Intestinal Intoxication .....	1	
Peritonitis .....	1	17
X. Diseases of the Genitourinary System		
Chronic Nephritis .....	30	
Hypertrophied Prostate .....	1	
Stone in Ampulla of Vater .....	1	32
XI. Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperal State		
		0
XII. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue		
Decubitus .....	1	1
XIII. Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Locomotion		
		0
XIV. Congenital Malformations		
Congenital Umbilical Hernia .....	1	
Congenital Heart Disease .....	1	
Hydrocephalus .....	2	4
XV. Diseases of Early Infancy		
Prematurity .....	8	
Intracranial Hemorrhage .....	1	9
XVI. Senility		
Senility .....	1	1
XVII. Violent and Accidental Deaths		
Falls .....	4	
Suicide .....	2	
Drowning .....	3	
Gas Poisoning .....	1	
Accidental Strangulation .....	1	11
XVIII. Ill-Defined Causes of Death		
Cause undetermined .....	10	
Acute Cardiac Failure .....	1	
Natural Cause .....	1	
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning .....	2	
Fractured Skull .....	1	
Potassium Cyanide Poisoning .....	1	16
Supplement for Group XVII—Violent and Accidental Deaths		
Automobile Accidents .....	4	
Railroad Accidents .....	3	7
		321

#### INFANT MORTALITY

Year	*No Births	No. Deaths Under one year	Infant death rate per 1,000 births
1928 .....	665	33	50.
1929 .....	615	25	41.
1930 .....	591	23	39.
1931 .....	589	32	54.
1932 .....	533	38	52.
1933 .....	491	15	30.
1934 .....	*500	24	48.
1935 .....	*453	10	22.
1936 .....	*469	18	38.38
1937 .....	*503	16	31.61

INFANT MORTALITY CAUSES

Cause	Color		Sex		Ages							Nativity of Mother		
	White	Colored	Male	Female	Under 1 day	1—7 days	7 days—1 month	1—2 months	2—4 months	4—8 months	8—12 months	United States	Austria	Total
Pneumococcic Meningitis	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Streptococcic Meningitis	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Cerebral Agenesis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Intestinal Intoxication	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Broncho Pneumonia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Congenital Umbilical Hernia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Congenital Heart Disease	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hydrocephalus	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Prematurity	7	2	6	3	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	9
Intracranial Hemorrhage	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Accidental Strangulation	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Broncho Pneumonia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Whooping Cough	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total	19	3	10	12	8	3	1	2	2	5	1	21	1	22

HEART DISEASE

White	Male							Female						
Colored	20							15						
	0							5						
Total	40							20						

AGES

30 — 40 years	Male							Female						
40 — 50 years	0							1						
50 — 60 years	0							1						
60 — 70 years	1							3						
70 — 80 years	3							1						
80 — 90 years	10							8						
90 — 100 years	5							5						
	1							1						
Total	20							20						

NATIVITY

Austria	Male							Female						
England	1							0						
Germany	2							0						
Ireland	2							1						
Italy	2							0						
Russia	2							2						
Scotland	1							2						
United States	0							2						
Other Countries	10							12						
	0							1						
Total	20							20						

CONJUGAL STATE

Single	Male							Female						
Married	0							2						
Widowed	9							5						
	11							13						
Total	20							20						

CANCER  
MALE

Organ	White	Colored	30 — 40 years		40 — 50 years		50 — 60 years		60 — 70 years		70 — 80 years		80 — 90 years		Austria-Hungary	Ireland	Scotland	United States	Other Countries	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced
			30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140									
General	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Bladder	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	0
Lung	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	1	0
Stomach	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

Rectum .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Prostate .....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Bile Duct .....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	15	1	1	1	3	6	5	0	1	1	1	11	2	1	11	4	0
FEMALE																	
Meso-colon .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Lung .....	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
Bladder .....	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1
Breast .....	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Caecum .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Endometrium .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cervix Uteri .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Uterus .....	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Stomach .....	5	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	4	2	0
Ovary .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Pylorus .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	22	2	2	3	7	8	2	2	1	2	0	21	0	4	14	5	1

### Communicable Disease

With the exception of measles, the communicable disease incidence has been relatively uneventful. The large number of measles cases seem to be due to the usual four year cyclic trend. Fortunately there were no deaths from this falsely considered minor infection of childhood.

Pneumonia still plays an important role, but with the recently instituted serum therapy and rapid advancing chemotherapy there seems no reason to consider this disease as one of future importance with respect to mortality rates.

The three cases of diphtheria occurred in unimmunized children and were definitely traced to adult carriers. With all the facilities available for immunization through the services of free clinics, public health hour, and private medical practice, there is no excuse for any child having diphtheria. Cases of this infection occurring in children can only be attributed to gross negligence on the part of the parents.

The following table giving the number of cases and deaths reported during the year is a comparison of the present year with the two preceding years:

Disease	1936		1937		1938	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet Fever .....	40	0	28	0	43	0
Diphtheria .....	13	0	0	0	3	0
Typhoid Fever .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis .....	21	3	26	4	20	2
Pneumonia .....	93	32	111	23	97	20
Influenza .....	2	2	5	2	2	1
Measles .....	35	0	135	0	737	0
German Measles .....	14	0	2	0	8	0
Chickenpox .....	43	0	111	0	126	0
Whooping Cough .....	196	0	53	0	85	1
Meningitis .....	2	1	0	0	1	1
Trichinosis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis .....	0	0	3	0	1	0
Miscellaneous .....	18	2	9	0	71	0
	477	40	485	34	1194	25

### TUBERCULOSIS

Type	Under					Over							
	Total	5	5-20	20-40	40-60	60	W.	C.	M.	F.	S.	M.	W.
Lungs .....	18	0	4	6	7	1	12	6	6	12	6	8	4
Meningitis .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Spine .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
	20	1	4	7	7	1	13	7	7	13	7	9	4
Deaths of residents in Plainfield .....												2	
Deaths of residents out of Plainfield .....												8	
												10	
No. of deaths of cases reported during 1938 .....												5	
No. of deaths of cases reported prior to 1938 .....												5	
												10	
Case rate per 1,000 population .....												.50	
*Death rate per 1,000 population .....												.25	
*Percentage of all deaths .....												2.7	
*Based on total deaths of residents in Plainfield and out of Plainfield.													

### Venereal Disease Clinic

The data embodied in the following table reveals the fact that the control of venereal diseases is a project of major importance in maintaining the high standard of health and economic welfare of our citizens. A review of the figures enumerated will show that the case load of this clinic has



developed to such an extent as to necessitate expansion of personnel and clinic facilities.

VENEREAL DISEASES				
New patients admitted to V. D. Clinic:				
	Non-Syph.	Syphilis	Gonorrhea	Total
Male .....	77	40	15	132
Female .....	122	40	4	166
	199	80	19	298
Old cases under treatment:				
Male .....		100	4	104
Female .....		110	1	111
		210	5	215
Number of cases discharged as arrested or cured:				
Male .....		2	11	13
Female .....		5	6	11
		7	17	24
Discontinued treatment without permission:				
Male .....		13	1	14
Female .....		13	0	13
		26	1	27
Number of treatments:				
	Arsphenamin	Syphilis Mercury, Bismuth, etc.	Gonorrhea	
Male .....	787	1603		52
Female .....	783	2397		20
	1570	4000		72
Number of Laboratory Tests:				
	Serologic tests	Syphilis Dark Fields	Gonorrhea	
Positive .....	57			24
Negative .....	284			62
Doubtful .....	6			
	347	0		86
Total number of visits to clinic for treatment, examination, or advice:				
White .....			2989	
Colored .....			2479	5468
Patients readmitted: .....				37
Patients referred for spinal wassermanns:				
Negative .....			16	
Not taken .....			6	
				22
Visits from ward patients: .....				74
Total free visits: .....				2419
Total number of home and co-operative visits:				
To contacts .....			117	
To delinquents .....			499	
				616
Total fees collected: .....				\$968.45

VENEREAL DISEASES	
New patients referred to the Clinic from the following sources:	
Muhlenberg Hospital .....	33
Muhlenberg Hospital Clinics .....	56
Physicians .....	33
Health Officer of Plainfield .....	3
Family or self .....	40
Visiting Nurse Association .....	12
State Board of Childrens' Guardians .....	8
Social Service Department, Muhlenberg Hospital .....	5
Employers .....	10
Medical Case Worker, Middlesex County .....	1
New Jersey State Hospital, Greystone, N. J. ....	2
Middlesex Hospital, New Brunswick, N. J. ....	1
Health Officer, Westfield, N. J. ....	4
Health Officer, North Plainfield, N. J. ....	1
Welfare Department, Plainfield, N. J. ....	1
Albion State Training School, New York .....	1
St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, N. Y. (Clinic) .....	1
Morristown Prison .....	1
Plainfield Schools .....	11
Plainfield School Nurse .....	4
St. Barnabas Hospital, Newark, N. J. ....	1
Government Hospital, Fort Ontario, N. Y. ....	1
Medical Case Worker .....	68
	298
Patients were referred to other Clinics and Organizations as follows:	
Physicians .....	13
Clinton Reformatory .....	1
Clinics .....	10
Bonnie Burn Sanatorium .....	2

Greystone Hospital .....	1
New Jersey State Hospital, Marlboro, N. J. ....	3
V. D. Clinic, New Brunswick, N. J. ....	1
V. D. Clinic, Weehawken, N. J. ....	1
Somerset Hospital .....	2

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### Laboratory

A well organized laboratory is the hub around which an efficient public health program revolves. Our laboratory and personnel operates under certificates of approval issued annually by the State Department of Health and the State Department of Agriculture. The numeral services rendered by this division may be classified under the following headings:

Examination of various specimens submitted by physicians for determination of bacterial and protozoan organisms.

Routine chemical and bacteriological examinations of milk, water, ice cream and other food products.

Examination of drugs and remedial preparations for adulteration and other substandard qualities.

This year funds have been made available which enabled us to augment our laboratory staff by the addition of a laboratory assistant. We have also been able to extend the laboratory services to include the Kahn test and examination of specimens for various nematode and protozoan infections.

### BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK RESULTS

Specimens	Negative	?	Positive	Total
Diphtheria .....	96	1	21	118
Tuberculosis .....	47	0	6	53
Gonorrhea .....	556	26	96	678
Vincent's Angina .....	12	0	13	25
Typhoid Fever .....	12	0	1	13
Undulant Fever .....	2	0	0	2
Rabies (animal brains) .....	10	0	23	33
Pneumonia (Typing) .....	7	1	1	9
Syphilis (Kahn) .....	2011	65	117	2193
Feces for Parasites .....	12	0	1	13
Miscellaneous .....	41	1	4	46
Totals .....	2806	94	283	3183

### Food and Drink

No more important service can be rendered by any health department than adequate supervision of the sanitary conditions under which food and beverage products are produced and handled. It is our policy to maintain rigid control over all establishments handling, manufacturing or dispensing food and beverages.

It is with satisfaction that I am able to report that under the authority of an ordinance adopted this year, the sale and distribution of all raw milk, except that which is certified, has been discontinued in the City of Plainfield. When we stop to realize that Plainfield's milk supply comes from 5,500 individual farms located chiefly in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, the individual farm supervision must necessarily be limited and all milk consumed raw must be considered by the Health Officer as a potential factor in the dissemination of disease.

The following inspections were made in connection with food and drink:

MILK:				
Bottling places .....			5	
Creameries and pasteurizing plants .....			44	
Dairies .....			323	
Trips collecting samples .....			901	
Miscellaneous .....			107	1380
WATER				
Inspections .....			75	75
ICE				
Inspections .....			6	6
FOOD				
Bakeries .....			193	
Bakery Wagons .....			53	
Confectionery, etc. ....			956	
Food exposure .....			47	
Grocery stores .....			847	
Meat establishments .....			773	
Restaurants, etc. ....			519	
Delicatessen .....			66	

Beer Bars .....	116	
Miscellaneous .....	664	4234

### FOOD CONDEMNATION

Pounds of meat, fish, poultry, etc. ....	47	
Pounds of dried fruits .....	138	
Pounds of flour and cereal products .....	4391½	
Pounds of milk .....	470	
		5046½
Gallons of edible oils .....	25	

### ANALYTICAL WORK—SAMPLES

<b>MILK:</b>		
Bacterial counts .....	921	
Fats .....	880	
Microscopic examinations .....	628	
Phosphatase tests .....	907	3336
<b>PRE-PASTEURIZED MILK:</b>		
Bacterial counts .....	437	437
<b>CREAM:</b>		
Bacterial counts .....	223	
Fats .....	212	435
<b>ICE CREAM:</b>		
Bacterial counts .....	82	
Fats .....	64	146
<b>WATER:</b>		
Swimming pool .....	43	
City supply .....	35	
Other sources .....	112	190
<b>EATING AND DRINKING UTENSIL COUNTS</b> .....	309	309
<b>DRUG ANALYSES:</b>		
Standard .....	2	2
<b>FOOD ANALYSES:</b>		
Number legal .....	35	
Number illegal .....	42	
Total .....		77
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ANALYSES</b> .....	7	7
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....		4939

### AVERAGE ANALYSES 1938

Dealer	Source of Supply	Fats	Total Solids
<b>CERTIFIED MILKS</b>			
Under 10,000 bacteria per cc			
Borden's Farm Prod. Co. Past.	Walker Gordon	4.10	12.88
Dawn Dairy	Raritan Valley	4.20	12.80
Borden's Farm Prod. Co. Vit. D	Walker Gordon	3.98	12.76
Frank Kaeding	Raritan Valley	4.30	13.14
Sheffield Farms Vit. D	Pompton Plains	4.30	13.09
Woodbrook Farms	Own creamery	4.10	13.11
Sheffield Farms	Pompton Plains	4.10	12.87
Schmalz Farms	Raritan Valley	3.93	12.41
Borden's Farm Prod.	Walker Gordon	3.96	12.64
<b>OTHER RAW MILKS</b>			
Under 10,000 bacteria per cc			
R. H. Schenck, N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	3.90	12.66
Frank Kaeding, Jer. Guern., N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.80	14.10
Grotto Farm	Own farm	3.49	11.75
J. Simon, Jer. Guern.	Raritan Valley	4.88	14.13
W. H. Conway, G.G.	Hightstown Dairy	4.85	14.06
Borden's Farm Prod.	Plainsboro	3.89	12.75
John Brand	Own farm	4.68	13.46
W. F. Muller	Own farm	3.90	12.57
Jack Simon	Raritan Valley	3.80	12.40
K. Hermansen	Own farm	4.53	13.48
Woodbrook Farm, G.G.	Dunwalke Farm	4.58	13.59
Blossom Hill Farms, Guern., N.J.A.	Own farm	4.50	13.11
Golden Dawn, Jer. Guern., N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	5.00	14.34
Peter Freiday "A"	E. Bower's Farm	3.70	12.37
<b>OTHER RAW MILKS</b>			
Over 10,000 and under 25,000 bacteria per cc			
A. F. Gould	Bush Dairy	4.00	12.85
J. Simon, N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	3.98	12.86
P. Freiday	E. Bowers	3.81	12.38

Woodbrook Farms	Hightstown Dairy	4.58	13.61
F. Sikora	Own farm	4.18	12.86
Bosshardt Dairy	P. Eelman	3.71	12.08
R. H. Krog	Own farm	3.90	12.35
F. Kaeding	Raritan Valley	4.05	12.59
Blossom Hill Farms Vit. D., N.J.A.	Own farm	4.27	12.84
J. Kilgannon	Own farm	4.00	12.16
Schmalz Farms Guern. A.	Own farm	4.30	13.13
J. F. Muller	Hyland Farm	3.39	11.77
Schmalz Farms N.J.A.	Own supply	3.95	12.49

### PASTEURIZED MILKS

Under 10,000 bacteria per cc

K. Hermansen	Own farm	3.97	12.78
F. Salvato, Jr. "A"	Schmalz Farms	3.95	12.43
J. Roster	B. R. Waldron	3.80	12.39
W. F. Muller "A"	Bush Dairy	4.40	13.18
Borden's Farm Prod. Guern. A	Washingtonville, N. Y.	4.53	13.57
Borden's Farm Prod. Vit. D A Modified	Washingtonville, N. Y.	3.85	12.16
E. Brown G.G. A.	Hightstown Dairy	4.50	13.52
W. H. Conway N.J.A.	Durling Farms	3.90	12.54
Borden's Farm Prod. Guern. A	Walkkill, N. Y.	4.75	13.53
Durling Farms N.J.A.	Own supply	3.88	12.54
Borden's Farm Prod. A Vit. D Irradiated	Washingtonville, N. Y.	3.91	12.41
W. H. Conway G.G.A.	Hightstown Dairy	4.55	13.40
Sheffield Farms	Homer, N. Y.	3.98	12.58
Durling Farms Guern. N.J.A.	Own creamery	4.38	13.38
Blossom Hill Farms Guern. A	Own creamery	4.27	12.91
E. C. Baxter-Jersey Creamline A	Raritan Valley	5.23	14.63
Alderney Dairy Vit. D.A.	Lewisburg, N. J.	3.98	12.44
W. Manchester	Durling Farms	3.92	12.53
R. H. Schenck N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.55	13.29
Golden Dawn N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.30	13.25
Golden Dawn N.J.A. Guern.	Raritan Valley	4.77	14.00
Blossom Hill Farms N.J.A. Vit. D	Own creamery	3.97	12.52
Sunrise Dairy N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.20	12.91
Oak Tree Farm Vit. D-A	B. R. Waldron	4.00	12.72
Sheffield Farms A Vit. D Modified	Homer, N. Y.	3.98	12.45
Blossom Hill Farms	Own creamery	3.71	12.09
A. L. Western N.J.A.	Durling Farms	3.83	12.53
Oak Tree Farm "A"	B. R. Waldron	4.00	12.70
Ryan Dairy	Raritan Valley	4.00	12.72
Maple Lawn G.G. "A"	Hightstown Dairy	4.60	13.57
J. Corley "A"	B. R. Waldron	4.10	12.75
J. Corley Guern. "A"	B. R. Waldron	4.70	13.43
E. Brown N.J.A.	Supreme	3.87	12.48
E. Brown Super-Guern. A	Supreme	4.53	13.44
Alderney "A"	Newark, N. J.	4.06	12.65
Squier "A"	B. R. Waldron	3.99	12.62
J. Simon Guern. N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.84	14.08
W. Manchester	Hightstown Dairy	4.20	13.20
Dawn Dairy N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.90	13.97
Golden Dawn G.G.A.	Hightstown Dairy	4.60	13.79
Blossom Hill N.J.A.	Own creamery	3.98	12.41
Sheffield Farms	Wysox, Pa.	3.68	12.11
H. Kane N.J.A.	Supreme Milk & Cream Co.	3.98	12.71
Woodbrook Special	Own creamery	3.98	12.54
Sheffield Vit. D Modified	Wysox, Pa.	3.79	12.11
Oak Tree Farm Guern. A	B. K. Waldron	4.40	13.25
F. Kaeding N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.50	13.20
W. H. Conway	Hightstown Dairy	4.28	13.29
F. Kaeding-Jersey Creamline	Raritan Valley	5.15	14.49
E. C. Baxter	Raritan Valley	3.84	12.43
Woodbrook Farms "A"	Own creamery	3.99	12.52
Golden Dawn	Raritan Valley	3.69	12.11
Sheffield Farms	Long Branch, N. J.	3.95	12.55
Woodbrook Farms G.G.A.	Metuchen, N. J.	4.59	13.67
J. Simon N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.34	13.12
Woodbrook Farms G.G.A.	Hightstown Dairy	4.25	13.26
Oak Tree Farm	B. R. Waldron	3.68	12.16
Woodbrook Farms	Metuchen, N. J.	3.82	12.15
Durling Farms Vit. D A	Own creamery	3.75	12.37
Woodbrook Farms	Dairymen's League	3.68	12.06
Forsgate Farm N.J.A. Vit. D	Own creamery	3.67	12.27
Borden Farm Prod. Co. Golden Crest "A"	Washingtonville, N. Y.	3.91	12.54
F. Hogarth	Raritan Valley	3.95	12.48
Schmalz Farms N.J.A.	Own creamery	3.80	12.38
R. H. Schenck Jersey Creamline	Raritan Valley	5.20	14.58
Donnelly Dairy N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	4.60	13.64
A. F. Gould "A"	Bush Dairy	4.40	13.18
P. Freiday "A"	Bush Dairy	4.17	13.03
H. Kane	Supreme Milk & Cream Co.	3.64	12.02
Sunrise Dairy Vit. D Irradiated	Raritan Valley	4.17	12.81
Squier Dairy	B. R. Waldron	3.65	12.11
R. Beirn	Schmalz	3.73	12.24
Alderney Dairy G.G. "A"	Fairlawn, N. J.	4.70	13.87
R. H. Schenck	Raritan Valley	3.88	12.38
J. Simon Vit. D "A"	Raritan Valley	4.38	13.37

C. Benedict N.J.A.	J. Welsh	4.04	12.67
F. Kaeding Guern. N.J.A.	Raritan Valley	5.00	14.20
Woodbrook Farms "A" Vit. D	Metuchen, N. J.	4.02	12.63
Dawn Dairy Jersey Creamline	Raritan Valley	5.40	14.67
Dawn Dairy	Raritan Valley	3.87	12.38
Bosshardt	Bush Dairy	4.20	12.80
J. F. Muller	Bush Dairy	4.20	12.80
E. Brown	Supreme Milk & Cream Co.	3.71	12.15
John Brand	Own creamery	4.40	13.33
Alderney Dairy	Newark, N. J.	3.70	12.22
Ryan Dairy "A"	Raritan Valley	4.15	12.81
Bosshardt "A"	Bush Dairy	4.20	13.02
Grotto Farm	Bush Dairy	4.20	12.65
Sunrise Dairy	Raritan Valley	4.06	12.72
J. Simon	Raritan Valley	3.98	12.61
Donnelly Dairy	Raritan Valley	3.94	12.50
Schmalz	Own creamery	3.88	12.46
Oak Tree Farm	Bush Dairy	3.75	12.21
Schmalz N.J.A. Guern.	Own creamery	4.49	13.39
F. Sikora	Raritan Valley	4.10	12.75
H. C. Bieler	Hightstown Dairy	4.10	13.04
Sunrise Dairy Jersey Creamline	Raritan Valley	5.00	14.34
Kilgannon	Bush Dairy	3.90	12.29
J. Corley	B. R. Waldron	3.65	12.09
Borden's Farm Prod. Co. Vit. D	Newark, N. J.	3.79	12.22
Golden Dawn Dairy	Supreme Milk & Cream Co.	3.79	12.25
F. Kaeding	Raritan Valley	3.94	12.51
P. Freiday	Bush Dairy	3.97	12.67
Blue Ribbon Dairy	Bush Dairy	4.09	12.68
A. L. Western	Durling Farms	3.68	12.18
Forsgate Farm "A" Guern.	Own creamery	4.50	13.50
A. F. Gould	Bush Dairy	3.90	12.59
J. Simon Jersey Creamline	Raritan Valley	5.20	14.29
H. C. Bieler	Durling Farms	3.73	12.19
Maple Lawn Dairy	Durling Farms	3.70	12.20
Borden Farm Prod. Co.	Newark, N. J.	3.63	12.03
W. F. Muller	Bush Dairy	4.20	12.59
W. Manchester	Durling Farms	3.73	12.18
W. H. Conway	Durling Farms	3.67	12.12
C. Benedict	J. Welsh	3.67	12.12
Durling Farms	Own creamery	3.61	12.02
Forsgate Farms	Own creamery	3.91	12.54
Blue Ribbon Dairy "A"	Bush Dairy	4.10	12.68
H. C. Bieler G.G. "A"	Hightstown Dairy	5.10	13.95
F. Salvato, Jr.	Schmalz Farms	3.73	12.16

#### AVERAGE ANALYSES 1938—CREAM

Dealer		Source of Supply	Fats
	Under 50,000 bacteria per cc		
Durling Farms	Light	Own creamery	22.00
Dawn Dairy	Heavy	Raritan Valley	37.50
Maple Lawn	Light	Hightstown Dairy	30.00
Squier Dairy	Heavy	B. R. Waldron	41.50
Borden's	Heavy "A"	Oxford, N. Y.	43.25
Maple Lawn	Heavy	Hightstown Dairy	42.50
Golden Dawn	Heavy	Raritan Valley	42.50
Alderney Dairy	Light	Newark, N. J.	22.43
Forsgate Farm	Heavy	Own Creamery	41.25
Borden's	Light	Newark, N. J.	20.83
Forsgate Farm	Light	Own Creamery	24.07
F. Kaeding	Heavy	Raritan Valley	43.75
Woodbrook	Light	Own Creamery	22.71
Woodbrook	Heavy	Own Creamery	41.08
C. Benedict	Heavy	J. Welsh	41.92
Schmalz	Light	Own Creamery	22.35
Blossom Hill	Heavy	Own Creamery	44.64
Sheffield	Heavy	Long Branch	40.93
P. Freiday	Heavy		41.71
Borden's	Heavy	Newark, N. J.	40.28
Oak Tree Farm	Heavy	B. R. Waldron	41.67
Blue Ribbon Dairy	Heavy	Bush Dairy	42.50
Schmalz Dairy	Heavy	Own Creamery	42.50
John Brand	Heavy	Belle Meade	41.30
Alderney Dairy	Heavy	Newark, N. J.	41.88
Golden Dawn	Heavy	Supreme Milk & Cream Co.	39.38
Sheffield Farms	Light	Long Branch	22.06
	Over 50,000 and under 100,000 bacteria per cc		
Durling Farms	Heavy	Own Creamery	41.69
R. H. Krog	Heavy	Own Creamery	32.63
H. Kane	Heavy	Supreme Milk & Cream Co	37.50
J. Kilgannon	Heavy	Own Supply	46.50
	Over 100,000 and under 150,000 bacteria per cc		
J. Simon	Heavy	Raritan Valley	46.14
K. Hermansen	Heavy		40.83
Blossom Hill	Light	Own Supply	24.14



# AVERAGE ANALYSIS OF ALL SAMPLES OF MILK FOR PAST THIRTY YEARS

Year	Fats	Solids	Bacteria Per CC
1908	4.10	13.17	51,887
1910	3.99	13.05	39,000
1920	3.62	13.06	48,000
1921	3.53	12.16	44,000
1922	3.69	12.29	34,000
1923	3.69	12.26	30,000
1924	3.65	12.27	34,000
1925	3.52	12.21	39,000
1926	3.58	12.23	34,000
1927	3.68	12.33	36,000
1928	3.62	12.20	39,000
1929	3.90	12.22	35,000
1930	3.64	12.19	32,000
1931	3.72	12.32	28,000
1932	3.74	12.32	23,000
1933	3.79	12.47	20,000
1934	3.89	12.56	16,000
1935	3.92	12.58	12,000
1936	3.98	12.66	9,000
1937	4.10	12.81	8,800
1938	4.15	12.86	4,000

## General Sanitation

The universal usage of water, the complexity of plumbing in buildings and the supervision of environmental sanitation constitute factors of major public health importance and the proper administration of these functions is not an easy task. The entire field of public health sanitation now includes industrial sanitation, the problem of housing, plumbing, vermin destruction, protection of swimming pools, summer camp inspections, elimination of flies and mosquito breeding, supervision of trailer camps and many other miscellaneous problems having direct public health relation.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

<b>General Inspections:</b>			
Alleys		15	
Back Yards		6961	
Barbers, etc.		303	
Public Drinking Facilities		10	
Dumps		1	
Factories		20	
Housing		317	
Privy Vaults and Cesspools		59	
Public Toilets		25	
Swimming Pools		72	
Theatres		7	
Miscellaneous		257	
			8047
<b>Complaints:</b>			
Original Inspections		329	
Reinspections		254	
Notices served		461	
Visits to Court		29	
Miscellaneous		76	
			1149
<b>Plumbing:</b>			
Water Tests		92	
Air Tests		67	
Additions and Alterations		210	
Old Systems		75	
Reinspections		3	
Iron Sewer Connections		124	
Miscellaneous		34	
			605
			9801
<b>MOVIES SHOWN BY BOARD OF HEALTH</b>			
Meetings and Conferences		106	
Office Hearings		27	
Lectures		28	
Miscellaneous		6	
			167
			9968

The following is a summary of the visits and inspections made during the year:

Showing: 18	Attendance: 4575	
Number visits in connection with communicable disease		2654
Number visits in connection with venereal disease		616
Number inspections in connection with food and drink		5695
Number inspections in connection with general sanitation:		

General work .....	8047	
Complaints .....	1149	9196
Number inspections in connection with plumbing .....		605
Total number visits and inspections made .....		18766

#### COMPLAINTS

Number remaining from previous years .....	2	
Number received during 1938 .....	327	329
Number abated:		
Prior to 1938 .....	2	
Received during 1938 .....	327	329
Number unabated:		
Prior to 1938 .....	0	
Received during 1938 .....	0	
Causes for which complaints were made:		
Garbage improperly cared for .....	95	
No water .....	9	
Insufficient heat .....	12	
Dumping .....	33	
Insanitary housing .....	31	
Sewer stoppage .....	9	
Insanitary yards .....	20	
Insanitary toilets .....	18	
Mosquito breeding .....	2	
Noxious weeds .....	5	
Smoke .....	2	
Vermin .....	5	
Miscellaneous .....	88	329

#### Rabies

This year we experienced our share of the statewide outbreak of rabies in dogs that started in August and, in spite of rigid control measures, reached serious proportions. In September it was necessary to request the mayor to issue a proclamation prohibiting dogs from running at large. This regulation was immediately placed in effect and remained in force until the last day of the year.

I wish to thank the Police Department and the Plainfield Humane Society for their excellent cooperation and assistance in the enforcement of the mayor's proclamation.

#### DOG BITES

Number of persons bitten by dogs .....		150
Animal brains examined in Board of Health Laboratory:		
Positive .....	23	
Negative .....	10	33
Number of persons taking antirabic treatment .....		72

The following dispositions were made in Police Court this year:

Violations	Penalty
Installation of plumbing without a license .....	\$20.00 fine
Foodhandler without medical card .....	10.00 fine
Foodhandler without medical card .....	4.00 fine
Foodhandler without medical card .....	2.00 fine
Foodhandler without medical card .....	5.00 fine
Foodhandler without medical card .....	suspended sentence
Foodhandler without medical card .....	suspended sentence
Foodhandler without medical card .....	suspended sentence
Foodhandler without medical card .....	suspended sentence
Foodhandler without medical card .....	dismissed
Foodhandler without medical card .....	dismissed
Food exposure .....	5.00 fine
Sale of loose cream .....	5.00 fine
Offering for sale ice without a license .....	dismissed
Improper storage of garbage .....	suspended sentence
Failure to comply with dispossession notice .....	ordered to vacate
Sale of misbranded olive oil .....	50.00 fine
Sale of foods without a license .....	5.00 fine
Offering for sale raw milk .....	5.00 fine
Delivery of milk without a license .....	5.00 fine
Delinquent venereal disease patient .....	5.00 fine

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

Plumbing .....	346
Barber Shops and Hairdressing Establishments .....	108
Ice .....	30
Garbage .....	6
Offal .....	36
Poultry Slaughter House .....	3
Poultry Slaughterer .....	3
Food Establishments .....	427

Milk:		
Regular dealers .....	54	
Stores .....	104	
		158
		1117

### Looking Ahead

There have been remarkable developments in public health within the past few years. Our Department has been progressive enough to maintain an efficient up-to-date standard of procedure. However, if we are going to maintain our high quality public health administration, we must give serious thought to the ways and means of expanding in order to properly conduct the following programs which are now before us:

1. Due to the unprecedented increase in the number of patients in the venereal disease clinic, it will be necessary to augment the present staff by one physician in order that an additional weekly clinic can be made available.

2. Last year by means of a W. P. A. lawyers' project, a new Sanitary Code was drafted that embodied regulatory measures in keeping with the rapid advance in modern public health procedures. It is anticipated that during 1939 funds will be made available for the adoption of this code.

3. Considerable study has been given by the Council of Social Agencies, the Visiting Nurse Association and the Health Department to a joint nursing service project. It is my desire that these efforts be continued until a satisfactory program has been promulgated and adopted.

4. Our field of endeavor will not be completely covered until we have set in force machinery for the control of the ever increasing degenerative diseases, the most important of which are cancer, heart disease, diabetes and Bright's disease. I am firmly convinced that much can be done in the interest of humanity by control of these diseases by a more intense educational program and a more general application of regular periodical medical and dental examinations starting at childhood and continuing throughout the life of the individual and any time spent in the advocacy of this effort is time well allotted to our ultimate objective of a healthier citizenry.

In conclusion, It is my pleasure to again express my sincere appreciation to the Mayor, Common Council and the various City Departments for their cooperation. I wish also to extend my gratitude to the physicians, dentists, Muhlenberg Hospital, various social and welfare agencies and the Plainfield Courier-News for the assistance rendered by them during the year.

Finally, I wish to thank the members of the Board and Staff for their interest, loyalty and spirit of cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. KROG, Health Officer

## ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE 1938

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Plainfield, N. J.  
Gentlemen:

May I submit herewith a Report of the Department of Welfare for 1938.

Previous to June 1938 the Department of Welfare operated under a Councilmanic Welfare Committee composed of three members of the Common Council. Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1938 provided that public assistance be administered by a Local Assistance Board of "not less than three nor more than five persons, at least one of whom shall be a woman, to be appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality, upon approval of the governing body, not more than one member of the governing body may be appointed to such board." Therefore, effective June 15, 1938, the administration of the Department was placed under a Local Assistance Board appointed by Mayor Barlow.

### Relief Costs

A statement of the costs of administering public assistance during the year follows.

TABLE I					
Relief Expenditures for 1938					
	Direct Relief	WPA Sponsor's Share	Admin. Expense	Coal, NYA & other WPA	Monthly Totals
January .....	\$13,821.26	\$315.00	\$1,364.91	\$.....	\$15,501.17
February .....	14,343.39	315.00	1,276.44	.....	15,934.83
March .....	16,020.74	420.00	1,689.42	.....	18,130.16
April .....	12,935.91	420.00	1,359.78	.....	14,715.69
May .....	9,849.18	420.00	1,252.69	.....	11,521.87
June .....	10,485.13	330.00	1,360.42	200.00	12,175.55
July .....	10,833.37	330.00	1,306.95	65.00	12,470.32
August .....	11,685.56	330.00	1,534.61	272.12	13,822.29
September .....	10,143.95	330.00	1,522.29	50.77	12,047.01
October .....	9,330.01	330.00	1,692.81	47.15	11,399.97
November .....	9,480.04	163.25	1,841.17	47.50	11,531.96
December .....	10,714.56	330.00	1,700.33	254.82	12,999.71
Total .....	\$139,643.10	\$4,033.25	\$17,901.82	\$491.06	\$162,250.53

### Direct Relief Case Load

The following Table shows the monthly direct relief case load during the year.

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TABLE II  
Monthly Case Load — 1938

Month	Cases	Persons
January	519	2144
February	583	2340
March	593	2295
April	521	2035
May	421	1565
June	445	1596
July	478	1659
August	499	1683
September	467	1599
October	413	1372
November	385	1278
December	407	1401

During December, and these averages are generally applicable throughout the entire year, the case load of 407 cases was composed of 149 cases or 27.3% in which there was no person over 16 and under 65 years of age who was physically and mentally fit for work. The remaining 72.7% of the cases had some member of the family who was employable. Of the 407 cases given assistance during that month, 84 had no income other than that received from this department while 323 had insufficient income from various sources which had to be supplemented by direct relief.

The following Table shows the case load classified according to reason for dependency.

TABLE 3 December 1938 Cases Classified According to Reason for Dependency		
Reason for Dependency	Cases	%
No Income .....	84	20.6
Insufficient Income .....	323	79.4
From Private Employment .....	81	19.9
From WPA .....	35	8.6
From Other Federal Agencies .....	6	1.5
From State Agencies .....	34	8.4
From All Other Sources .....	167	41.0
Total .....	407	100.0

It is interesting to note that in 116 cases or 28.5% of the entire load, not unemployment but rather under employment, caused a need for relief. During 1938, 16,966 individuals, or an average of 1414 individuals a



month called at the Department of Welfare office for aid, service, or advice.

### S F A C Reimbursement

Under an arrangement with the State Financial Assistance Commission it was understood that the Commission would reimburse the City of Plainfield in 1938 for all direct relief expenditures in excess of \$4511.00 monthly. Cost of administration and a few non-reimbursable items were to be borne entirely by the city.

During 1938, the city received the following amounts from the State Financial Assistance Commission:

TABLE IV  
Amounts Received During 1938 from SFAC

Reimbursement on 1937 relief costs .....	\$18,946.35
Received from SFAC for 1938 expenditures .....	61,163.17
Total .....	\$80,109.52

The \$61,163.17 mentioned above is reimbursement for 1938 relief expenditures prior to July 1, 1938. Because state funds were not made available, no reimbursement was made for expenditures after that date. However, the city anticipates receiving in 1939 some funds from the S F A C as its share of the city's relief expenditures for the last six months of 1938.

### Departmental Changes

Because of the unprecedented upturn in relief needs during the winter of 1937-1938 the Department's quarters in the basement of the City Hall became entirely inadequate. A case supervisor, and three case workers were attempting to function in one small room. Often each of them had a client to interview at the same time. The result was confusion. Therefore, so that clients might be given a fair hearing privately it was decided to remove the Department to the former Industrial Home at West Front Street and Rock Avenue. This move was accomplished on September 17, 1938, and as a result the Department has been able to function much more efficiently.

### Work Relief for Cash

Early in the Spring it was decided to inaugurate a work relief program to give clients an opportunity to work for the City in return for assistance given. With the approval of the S F A C a plan was worked out whereby clients were permitted to work for the amount of food and milk relief to which they were entitled, and for the Department to pay them in cash for this work. It was believed that clients who were able to work and thus would be eligible for a cash grant, could take advantage of the cash in making better purchases of food than they could with relief orders. On August 1st the work program was inaugurated and continued for the balance of the year. On an average, 75 men were assigned to work in semi-monthly periods.

Work was mainly under the supervision of the Department of Streets and Sewers. Clients were used to break up the old city sewer beds at Rock and Myrtle Avenues so that there might be adequate drainage there. In addition, labor was used to clean out the drainage ditch on Pacific Street where the fall floods had caused considerable damage. Other men were assigned to the Recreation Department to supervise evening play periods in the various schools. Another group was assigned to the Board of Health to assist in eradicating the health menace of ragweed by cutting down the weed on highways and vacant lots throughout the community.

Thus the city has received a real return in constructive labor from those clients able to work.

### Hospital Care

As in the previous year an arrangement was continued with the S F A C whereby relief cases given hospital care were subject to reimbursement at the rate of \$1.75 per day per patient, if a regular relief order were issued to cover the case. Thus a part of the city's 1938 appropriation of \$12,000 to Muhlenberg Hospital for the care of indigent sick, was returned by the State. During 1938, 200 more relief cases were given free hospital care than in 1937.

The following Table shows the number of relief cases given hospital care during 1938.



**TABLE V**  
**Hospital Relief Cases Treated Monthly During 1938**

January .....	73	August .....	69
February .....	74	September .....	78
March .....	78	October .....	79
April .....	72	November .....	67
May .....	70	December .....	56
June .....	62		
July .....	66	Total .....	844

### Visiting Nurse Care

The S F A C also allowed reimbursement at the rate of \$1.00 per day per family visit for Visiting Nurse care to relief clients. Thus a portion of the city's appropriation of \$3000.00 to the Visiting Nurse Association was returned to the city by the State.

The following Table shows the number of visits made in 1938 to relief families by the V N A.

**TABLE VI**  
**Relief Cases Visited by the VNA**

Month .....	Families Visited .....	Patients Visited .....
January .....	87	321
February .....	61	256
March .....	93	288
April .....	70	165
May .....	82	232
June .....	83	246
July .....	60	162
August .....	44	134
September .....	70	214
October .....	86	239
November .....	78	198
December .....	79	210
Total .....	893	2665

### Domestic Relations Cases

In addition to disbursing direct relief, the Department gave numerous other special services. Domestic relations and non-support problems were handled as a regular function of the Department. Where possible, adjustments in these cases were made, and reconciliations effected without recourse to court action.

Of the 155 domestic relations cases handled during the year 10 were placed under court order to provide for their dependents. In the balance a friendly adjustment was made. In 73 cases either through court order or at the request of the clients themselves, regular support payments were made through this office. The sum of \$7520.23 was received, and has been paid to those for whom it was intended. At the end of the year, 35 payment cases were being carried as active accounts. In the others, family adjustments had been made and the accounts were closed.

### Sewing Room Project

The Department sponsored and supervised the operation of a Works Progress Administration Sewing Room Project in the city. This Sewing Room employed an average of 40 former relief clients throughout the year. The W P A paid all wages and the city bore the cost of rental, heat, light, and power, and contributed toward the cost of materials used. The total cost for the city for 1938 was \$4033.25. The S F A C agreed to reimburse the city at the rate of \$6.00 a month for each relief client working on the project. Therefore, the actual cost to the city for the operation of the project was only a portion of the original outlay.

From January 1, 1938, until April 17, 1938, the project was operated in two units, and quarters were rented in the city. However, this arrangement was unsatisfactory to the W P A and on June 1, 1938, the two units were combined and the project was moved to city-owned quarters in the old Industrial Home at Rock Avenue. This effected a saving in rental of \$90.00 a month.

All articles produced locally were turned over directly to this Department for distribution. During 1938, 12,186 garments were given to relief clients as compared with 6,073 in 1937. The following Table shows the distribution of articles during the year.

**TABLE VII**  
**Clothing Articles Distributed to Relief Clients During 1938**

Article	No. Given
Men's and Boys' shirts .....	1202
Undergarments .....	2579
Winter coats .....	117
Women's and Girls' clothing .....	2812
Men's and Boys' clothing .....	2051
Children's clothes .....	487
Night clothes .....	958
Bed sheets .....	364
Pillow cases .....	453
Blankets and Comforters .....	312
Mattresses .....	82
Towels .....	625
Other Articles .....	144
<b>Total Pieces .....</b>	<b>12186</b>

### Housekeepers' Aides Project

In July, 1938, the Department of Welfare sponsored a W P A Housekeepers' Aides Project which was set up to give housekeeping assistance in relief families where, because of temporary illness the mother was unable either to take care of her children or to do her housekeeping duties. Ten relief clients have been employed on this work and have thus been removed from relief rolls.

The project is operated at no expense to the city as space is provided for the workers at the Department of Welfare office. The project has been extremely successful in meeting situations which the families aided could not have met themselves. During the year Housekeepers' Aides gave assistance in 50 families.

### National Youth Administration Project

In July, 1938, the Department became co-sponsor with Muhlenberg Hospital in the operation of a National Youth Administration Work Shop Project. The N Y A is set up to give employment to youths between the ages of 18 and 25 whose families are receiving relief or where there is actual need. Youths are employed fifty hours a month and receive a minimum pay of \$19.00 a month for this part-time employment. Approximately 40 girls were employed monthly and in many cases need for assistance was decreased because of their earnings. The city's contribution to the project was for rental, light, and power, not to exceed \$50.00 per month. During 1938, total cost to the city was \$220.00.

The girls in the Work Shop made articles for Muhlenberg Hospital, United Catholic Aid, Lions Club, and the Department of Welfare. The following Table shows the articles produced and distributed during the year.

**TABLE VIII**  
**Manufacture and Distribution by NYA Work Shop**

Articles	Total
For Muhlenberg Hospital .....	
Towels .....	1,832
Gauze Masks .....	1,720
Diapers .....	2,458
Surgical packs .....	155,800
"T" binders .....	719
Other articles .....	2,393
Department of Welfare .....	
Toys made .....	35
Lions Club .....	
Dolls dressed .....	300
Dolls repaired .....	65
United Catholic Aid .....	
Pajamas made .....	12

The Department of Welfare availed itself of an N Y A clerical project which provided four part-time clerical workers with work in the Department.

### Government Gift Products

During 1938, to continue to meet the national problem arising from a surplus of farm products, the Federal Government again distributed surplus commodities. The government purchased excess stocks of produce and provided for their consumption by distributing them to needy persons who otherwise would not be able to obtain them. This assured the use of such commodities by those who needed them, without curtailing any normal purchase of these same or comparable commodities.

Locally the commodities were distributed under the supervision of the

Department of Welfare. The products, by Federal regulation, were given as a gift by the government with the proviso that they be given in addition to the regular relief which clients received.

Two methods of distribution were used. Approximately two-thirds of the articles were distributed to clients through retail grocery stores and the rest were distributed direct to clients by the Department of Welfare.

The following Table shows amounts and articles given out during the year.

**TABLE IX**  
**Distribution of Federal Surplus Commodities in 1938**

Articles	Total
Vegetables, lbs. ....	35,287
Vegetables, cans .....	1,107
Fruits, lbs. ....	29,538
Fruits, cans .....	2,202
Grains, lbs. ....	27,415
Frozen fish, lbs. ....	720
Dried milk, lbs. ....	2,104
Butter, lbs. ....	2,843
Eggs, doz. ....	810

### C C C Enrollment

All enrollments for the Civilian Conservation Corps were handled through this office. During the year, applications from 70 boys were taken. Of these, because of C C C quota restrictions, only 30 white and 12 colored boys were accepted. The \$25.00 a month sent home to the parents of each did much to lighten the city's relief burden for these families.

### Old Age Assistance

The Department worked in close cooperation with the County Welfare Board in assisting applicants for Old Age Assistance to fill out application forms. Through our efforts, 75 individuals were given consideration for this type of assistance by the County Welfare Board.

### W P A Referrals

The Department acted as Certifying Agent for the Works Progress Administration. Persons who wished employment on the Federal Works Program were required to make application for such work at this office. Application forms were filled out, investigation of need in the family was made, and if need was found to exist the Department certified the applicant as eligible for W P A employment.

It was not only necessary to certify active relief cases but also any other person who made application for work and was found to be in need of employment.

In August 1938, the policy regarding certification to the W P A was changed and that organization assumed responsibility for determining who should be certified for the work. However, the Department of Welfare was designated as Referral Agent and while the application had to be taken here and investigation made as to need, this office merely referred the applicant to the W P A for certification. During the year, 1202 persons were either certified or referred by this office.

The Department of Welfare has had no authority to place persons on the W P A. Decision regarding placement has always been made by the W P A itself.

### Other Services

No brief recital of the activities of the Department of Welfare and an explanation of the cases actually given financial assistance can show adequately the widely diversified services rendered the community. Simple unemployment cases often require the greatest amount of relief but the least care and attention. Other cases not needing actual relief and never showing on a relief report often are given a much greater amount of time and care. Approximately 400 cases were given services but financial assistance was found not to be necessary.

### Conclusion

The outlook for 1939 is somewhat more promising than was 1938. Because of the slight upturn in business and because unemployment compensation will become available for many persons early in 1939, a drop in



relief rolls may be anticipated unless there is a marked curtailment of employment on the W P A Approximately 550 families were being carried on the Federal Works Program at the close of 1938.

In conclusion may I express my gratitude to the Mayor and Common Council; the Welfare Committee composed of Mr. Anthony H. Viviano, Chairman, Mr. Hugh B. Reed, II, and Mr. Carroll W. Hopkins; and the Local Assistance Board composed of Mr. Anthony H. Viviano, Chairman, Mrs. A. L. Stillman, Secretary, Mr. Dixon C. Phillips, Mr. T. R. Loizeaux, and Mr. Harry S. Derflinger for their active help, understanding, and splendid cooperation.

Appreciation is also extended to all public officials, Social Welfare Agencies and private individuals who have so ably assisted in our work. Special thanks is given to all members of the Department for their loyal and untiring efforts to serve the community during very difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

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